



Social issues roiling U.S. weigh heavy on Independence Day

By PHILIP MARCELO
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — In these complex times, a simple question about the quintessential American holiday of fireworks, cookouts and parades isn't always so simple.

As Americans prepare to celebrate the nation's 242nd birthday, some feel a deeper sense of patriotism. For others, the social issues roiling the country weigh heavy this Independence Day.

Standing in front of Boston's Faneuil Hall on Tuesday, tour guide Cara McIntyre said she takes special pride this time of the year in recounting the courage of American colonists like Samuel

Adams, who called for rebellion against the English crown in fiery speeches at the historic hall. But she laments that Americans' ability to respectfully debate the toughest issues of the day — to disagree without being disagreeable — seems hopelessly lost. "This bitter divisiveness of the last decade, I think the Founding Fathers would be really sad about that," said the 57-year-old Massachusetts native as she greeted passers-by in her floral-print, colonial-era dress. "Social media has made bullies of all of us. People say things there that they'd never say to someone's face."

Continued on Page 2



Luna Chiarello, 6, helps her mother Silver put American flags out along the road in front of their family business, Robinson's Auto Parts, Tuesday, July 3, 2018 in Orange Mills, Fla., the day before Independence Day.
Associated Press

IN CELEBRATION OF 4TH OF JULY
THE RITZ-CARLTON, ARUBA PRESENTS
TX BBQ
ON THE BEACH

**BEEF
SMOKE
& SUN**

JULY 4TH, 5TH, 6TH & 7TH
12:00PM - 4:00PM

BEEF LOVING TEANS **SOUTHSIDE MARKET**

LING & SONS IGA Super Center
Groceries Like Home!

Bring this coupon and receive
A FREE SHOPPING BAG
with your purchase of \$50
1 coupon allowed per customer, per transaction.

THE #1 SUPERMARKET IN ARUBA For more information please call (297) 521-2370
Open Monday to Saturday from 8am to 9pm.
Sunday from 8am to 6pm • www.lingandsons.com

WIFI IN STORE! LIKE US ON Facebook

WORLD CUP

14 Flat Screen TV's

Breakfast special \$8.95

TV

FRIDAYS

Located in Paseoherencia

Independence Day

Continued from Front

In Chicago, Philip Wiley, a 77-year-old retired public school counselor, is blunt about what's ailing the nation.

"A lot of it has to do with the present administration in Washington," Wiley said as he stopped to admire a massive flag hanging from the city's iconic Wrigley Building Tuesday.

But in Alabama, retired truck driver Floyd Champion is downright upbeat. He views these as the best of times in America.

Champion plans to mark the holiday the way he spends most days — selling watermelons, tomatoes, corn, plums and other produce from the back of his truck along a highway about 30 miles (48 kilometers) south of Birmingham, Alabama.

"I know it's a big holiday and I love the holiday because it's our indepen-

dence," said Champion, 77, of rural Shelby County. "But I have to sell this stuff, and I make money."

Out in Anchorage, Alaska, Darl Schaaff says July Fourth should be a time for a deeply divided nation to put personal politics aside.

"This is not about politics," he said as took a break from helping set up the city's downtown celebration. "This is about the founding of our country and freedom."

Angela Limb was born and raised in Alaska's largest city, but because of her Mexican heritage, she said she's had strangers come up to her at the supermarket and tell her go back to her own country.

That makes her feel sad for these people, she said Tuesday while relaxing with her 10-year-old twins at Anchorage's Goose Lake beach.

She's happy to be an American and plans to ob-



Angela Limb, right, with her 10-year-old twins Michael, center, and John, left, relaxes at Goose Lake beach in Anchorage, Alaska, Tuesday, July 3, 2018. The family plans to celebrate the Fourth of July with a family barbecue.

serve the July 4th accordingly.

"I celebrate it," she said. "I'm wanting my kids to have pride in their country and to treat everyone the

same."

Vietnam War veteran and retired U.S. Air Force Col. Thomas Moe, in Lancaster, Ohio, said the holiday should be a day to appre-

ciate the differences that make the nation great.

Continued on Page 3

 Bring your Old Watch & Get 30% Off 

On Any Bering Watch

July 4th Independence Day Special

BERING
inspired by arctic beauty

Starts from 2nd July until 9th July 2018.

Any Brand
Old Or New
Any Condition

Broken Crystal
Missing Straps
Digital Or Analog

Monday – Saturday
11:30 am to 10:00pm

Only at Bering Concept Store
Paseo Herencia Mall
Next to Lazy Turtle Restaurant

Sunday
6:00 pm to 10:00pm

Located at Brickell Bay Beach Club Hotel

BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

Reservations call 586-0999

Italian Steakhouse

Joe & Guiseppe
Restaurant**SPECIAL OFFER FOR EARLY BIRD DINERS****TAKE 25% OFF 4:00PM TILL 6:00PM**

Offer good on all items including Bar and Dinner Menu.

Serving USDA Prime Steaks and Chops from the CHICAGO STOCKYARDS

Independence Day

Continued from Page 2

"At a time when we seem to be at each other's throats more than ever, I think we need to step back a little bit," said the 74-year-old, who spent more than five years as a prisoner of war and later served as director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services. "We could be like Venezuela, or Russia or China, where everybody on the surface says or thinks the same thing, and we never want to go that way."

In Portland, Maine, chef Brad Messier agreed with the sentiments, but said the country's tribalism is too great to ignore.

"This is a holiday that, in theory, brings us together as a country but, in reality, we're still camped out on our two very separate sides," Messier said as he manned a booth selling strawberries and other produce at a downtown Portland farmers' market. "For me, it seems to illustrate the glaring divides that we have. What we come to-

gether for is very superficial. How much does going and seeing fireworks really bring people together?"

But in New York, 32-year-old Baudel Ivan Osorio Herrera could only feel gratitude to his new nation.

The father of two boys, who came to the Bronx from Mexico when he was just seven was one of 200 immigrants taking their citizenship oath at New York City's Public Library on Tuesday. The timing of the momentous occasion wasn't lost on him.

"I have my kids. I have my home," Herrera said. "You could say we made our dream come true."

Outside the San Francisco Ferry Building, Mary Saunders also expressed gratitude as she looks forward to celebrating.

"As an immigrant and naturalized American Citizen, it's something I have the privilege to participate in," said 53-year-old Saunders, a scientist and Brentwood, California resident. "It's a day of celebration to stop and enjoy togetherness with family." □



New citizens participate in a naturalization ceremony, Tuesday, July 3, 2018, at the New York Public Library. Two hundred people from 50 countries gained citizenship.

Associated Press

**The donkeys have moved to...
BRINGAMOSA**

DONKEY SANCTUARY ARUBA

For directions or information: www.arubandonkey.org
or call 593 2933

CRYSTAL Casino

Carnaval Bingo

2 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

DOUBLE YOUR PRIZE

WEDNESDAY JULY 4th, 2018

Progressive starting at \$6,000 • Carnaval Powerball \$750

Starting 8:00PM in Crystal Theater | Bingo Card \$15 (incl. progressive)

Game 1	\$200 x 2	Game 6	\$500 x 2
Game 2	\$200 x 2	Game 7	\$650 x 2
Game 3	\$300 x 2	Game 8 Progressive	
Game 4	\$300 x 2	51 up to 54 calls \$300	
Game 5	\$400 x 2	55 or more calls \$200	
		Game 9	\$1,500 x 2

DOOR PRIZES

- \$200 Cash \$100 Cash
- Dinner for 2
- 4x Carnaval Bingo cards

Experience what Aruba's Carnaval Bingo is all about!



THERE IS A NEW PIZZA IN TOWN

THIN-CRUST PIZZA

CHICAGO STYLE - FRESH VEGETABLE - IMPORTED TOPPINGS

OPENING HOURS
12PM - 12AM

TEL 586-9807

FREE DELIVERY TO HIGH-RISE HOTELS

Located at Brickell Bay Mall next to **SAND BAR** on Palm Beach




Trump revokes Obama policy using race in school admissions

By ERIC TUCKER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration is rescinding Obama-era guidance that encouraged schools to take a student's race into account to promote diversity in admissions.

The shift gives schools and universities the federal government's blessing to take a race-neutral approach in admissions and enrollment decisions.

The affirmative action policies were among 24 documents rescinded by the Justice Department on Tuesday for being "unnecessary, outdated, inconsistent with existing law, or otherwise improper." Attorney General Jeff Sessions called the changes an effort to restore the "rule of law" and blamed past administrations for imposing new rules without any public notice or comment.

"That's wrong, and it's not good government," Sessions said in a statement. The action comes amid a high-profile court fight over



In this May 22, 2018 file photo, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos testifies at a House Committee on Education and the Workforce, in Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

admission at Harvard University as well as Supreme Court turnover expected to produce a more critical eye toward schools' affirmative action policies.

The court's most recent significant ruling on the subject bolstered colleges' use of race among many

factors in the admission process. But the opinion's author, Anthony Kennedy, announced his retirement last week, giving President Donald Trump a chance to replace him with a justice who may be more reliably skeptical of admissions programs that take race and ethnicity into account.

The new policy would dramatically depart from the stance taken by the Obama administration, which in a 2011 policy document said courts had recognized schools' "compelling interest" in diverse populations. The guidance said that while race should not be the primary factor in an admission decision, schools could lawfully consider it in the interest of achieving diversity.

"Institutions are not required to implement race-neutral approaches if, in their judgment, the approaches would be unworkable," the guidance said. "In some cases, race-neutral ap-

proaches will be unworkable because they will be ineffective to achieve the diversity the institution seeks."

That guidance has now been rescinded, as have more than a half-dozen other similar documents, including some that sought to explain Supreme Court rulings affirming the use of race as one of several factors in the admissions process.

The Obama approach replaced Bush-era policy from a decade earlier that discouraged affirmative action and instead encouraged the use of race-neutral alternatives, like percentage plans and economic diversity programs. The Trump administration's announcement Tuesday is more in line with Bush administration policy, and though the guidance does not have the force of law, schools could use it to help defend themselves against lawsuits over their admis-

sion policies.

The Justice Department in the Trump administration had already signaled its concern about the use of race in admissions decisions.

The department, for instance, has sided with Asian-American plaintiffs suing Harvard University who argue that the school unlawfully limits how many of Asian students are admitted.

Students for Fair Admissions, the group suing Harvard, is led by Ed Blum, a legal strategist who also helped white student Abigail Fisher sue the University of Texas for alleged discrimination in a case that went to the Supreme Court.

Blum said Tuesday the organization "welcomes any governmental actions that will eliminate racial classifications and preferences in college admissions." Harvard, meanwhile, said it would continue considering race as an admissions factor to create a "diverse campus community where students from all walks of life have the opportunity to learn with and from each other." Civil liberties groups decried the move, saying it went against decades of court rulings that permit colleges and universities to take race into account.

"We condemn the Department of Education's politically motivated attack on affirmative action and deliberate attempt to discourage colleges and universities from pursuing racial diversity at our nation's colleges and universities," Kristen Clarke, president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, said in a statement. □

Aruba

Paradise in the Caribbean

A Luxurious residential complex built to the highest level, with quality finishes, bright spaces and with all the details one could dream for in their home.



LE VENT

at Eagle Beach ARUBA

SALES OFFICE +297 2801005 info@leventaruba.com

MOBILE +297 5927275 www.leventaruba.com

Elizabeth Smart kidnapper denied early prison release

By BRADY McCOMBS

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A woman convicted of helping a former street preacher kidnap then-Utah teenager Elizabeth Smart from her Salt Lake City home in 2002 has been denied early parole.

The decision announced Monday night by the Utah Board of Pardons and Parole was expected after Wanda Barzee, 72, refused to attend her hearing last month before the state parole board that could have helped her get out of prison before her scheduled release on Jan. 29, 2024.

Barzee has also refused to take undergo a mental health evaluation she would need to get out early.

The board instead set a new hearing for January 2023, though it said in the decision that it would consider an earlier date if Barzee takes the mental health evaluation.

Smart, now 30, declined comment on the decision through a spokesman. She said after the June 12 hearing that she's concerned that Barzee hasn't changed after learning

that Barzee is still carrying around a manuscript containing revelations the former street preacher, Brian David Mitchell, said he received from God that told him to kidnap Smart. She said the manuscript also contains other "disturbing and dangerous ideas." She didn't say how she knows Barzee has the book.

Smart's abduction from her bedroom at knifepoint by a man who came in through an open kitchen window triggered waves of fear among parents everywhere. The frantic search for Smart and the mystery about who took her captivated the nation.

She was found nine months later while walking with Barzee and Mitchell on a street in the suburb of Sandy, Utah, by people who recognized the couple from media reports as suspects in Smart's kidnapping.

Mitchell is serving a life sentence after being convicted of kidnapping and raping Smart. He and Barzee were married at one point. Before the kidnapping, the Smart family had paid Mitchell to do handyman work at the house after running into him in downtown



© 2016 Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office

This 2016 photo provided by the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office shows Wanda Barzee.

Associated Press

Salt Lake City and thinking he was just a man down on his luck.

Smart, who is married with two children and pregnant with a third, has written a book about the harrowing ordeal and recently helped make a Lifetime movie and documentary about the crime and her life. She is now a child safety activist who regularly gives speeches.

She posted this week on her Instagram account about how she has learned not to focus on negative things

that make you feel life is unfair and realized that bad things often lead to "knowledge, compassion, understanding, empathy, love, healing, and change."

"Looking back I can honestly say it was the worst experience I have ever dealt with and I hope no one ever goes through it again but I am also grateful it happened to me for what it has taught me and allowed me to be a part of, and for making me into the person I am today," Smart wrote. □

Jury convicts man of murder in 1973 death of wife

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill. (AP) — A 76-year-old former Chicago-area man who authorities say used his reputation as an upstanding citizen to convince police 45 years ago that a crash that killed his wife was an accident has been convicted of first-degree murder in her death.

On Monday afternoon, jurors in Rolling Meadows, Illinois, deliberated for just three hours before returning with the guilty verdict against Donnie Rudd, a one-time school board member and respected attorney.

The speed that the verdict was returned made

it clear that jurors did not believe Rudd's attorney's explanation that the death of 19-year-old Noreen Kumeta Rudd was a "tragic accident." Prosecutors argued that Donnie Rudd, who was under intense financial pressure, plotted to kill his young wife to collect

\$120,000 in insurance money.

"The defendant didn't marry Noreen because he loved her," Assistant State's Attorney Maria McCarthy told jurors at the outset of the trial. "He married her because he wanted to kill her."

Prosecutors said Rudd was living with another woman and her children until shortly before he announced that he was marrying the teenager. And, they said, as soon as she died — a month after the couple married — Rudd returned to the other woman. □

CAR RENTAL

PH: (297) 561-6944
Address: Paramira #30 (Oranjestad)
Email: yessrentalcar@gmail.com
Website: www.yessrentalcar.com



FREE:
Delivery & Pick up Service on spot
Road Map
Mileage
Second Driver

All our cars are NEW or FAIRLY NEW MODELS 2016/17/18
Automatic, airconditioning, power windows & powerlock

PRICES:

1 Day Rate \$38.00
3 Day's Special \$75.00
5 Day's Special \$135.00
Weekly Special \$169.00

We also have Jeeps
(Special Request)

ARUBA
OSTRICH

VOTED NO.1 FARM

Ultimate Ostrich Experience



Delicious Food



Souvenir Shop



50% the tour with
off your Lunch

Tel: 585-9630
arubaostrichfarm.com

Salvatore Ferragamo

Baccarat

MONT BLANC

BALLY

GUESS

STOUS

LALIQUE

LLADRÓ

HERMÈS PARIS

MAC

HUBLOT

ESTÉE LAUDER

VICTORIA'S SECRET

SWAROVSKI

Dior GLASSES

STEFAN HAFNER EXCLUSIVE ITALIAN JEWELLERY

CHANEL



PALM BEACH PLAZA MALL

Studio F

HARRY WINSTON

JAZZ EYEWEAR

QUIKSILVER

Prada's

Mon - Sat 10am to 10pm • Sundays 5pm to 10pm

Walking distance from high rise hotels

Wildfire destroys over 100 Colorado homes ahead of holiday

By COLLEEN SLEVIN

DENVER (AP) — A growing wildfire destroyed more than 100 homes in the Colorado mountains, while other blazes across the parched U.S. West kept hundreds of other homes under evacuation orders Tuesday and derailed holiday plans.

Authorities announced late Monday that a fire near Fort Garland, about 205 miles (330 kilometers) southwest of Denver, had destroyed 104 homes in a mountain housing development started by multimillionaire publisher Malcolm Forbes in the 1970s. The damage toll could rise because the burn area is still being surveyed.

Tamara Estes' family cabin, which her parents had built in 1963 using wood and rocks from the land, was among the homes destroyed.

"I think it's sinking in more



Craig Hotshots firefighters take a break from battling the Weston Pass Fire, Monday, July 2, 2018, near Fairplay, Colo.

now. But we're just crying," she said. "My grandmother's antique dining table and her hutch are gone."

"It was a sacred place to us," she added.

Andy and Robyn Kuehler watched their cabin burn down remotely. The couple monitored the cabin's surveillance video from their primary residence in Nebraska and watched as the ash and embers turned into roaring flames.

"We just got confirmation last night that the house was completely gone. It's ... a very sickening feeling watching the fire coming towards the house," the couple wrote in an email Tuesday.

The blaze, labeled the Spring Fire, is one of six large wildfires burning in Colorado and is the largest at 123 square miles (318 square kilometers) — about five times the size of New York's Manhattan. While investigators believe it was started by a spark from a fire pit, other fires, like one that began burning in wilderness near Fairplay, were started by lightning.

Nearly 60 large, active

blazes are burning across the West, including nine in New Mexico and six each in Utah and California, according to the National Interagency Fire Center.

In Utah, authorities have evacuated 200 to 300 homes because of a growing wildfire near a popular fishing reservoir southeast of Salt Lake City amid hot temperatures and high winds. Several structures have been lost since the fire started Sunday, but it's unclear how many, said Jason Curry of the Utah Division of Forest, Fire and State Lands.

Darren Lewis and his extended family planned to spend the Fourth of July at a cabin built nearly 50 years ago by his father and uncle in a wilderness area nestled between canyons and near a mountain river. Instead, Lewis and his family will spend the holiday nervously waiting to hear if a half-century of family memories go up in smoke because of the fire, which

has grown to 47 square miles (122 square kilometers).

"There's a lot of history and memories that go into this cabin," said Lewis, 44, of Magna, Utah. "The cabin we could rebuild, but the trees that we love would be gone. We're just hoping that the wind blows the other way."

Meanwhile, a wind-fueled wildfire in Northern California that continues to send a thick layer of smoke and ash as far as south of San Francisco was threatening more than 900 buildings.

The massive blaze was choking skies with ash and smoke, prompting some officials to cancel Fourth of July fireworks shows and urge people to stay indoors to protect themselves from the unhealthy air.

At least 2,500 people have been told to evacuate as the sprawling blaze continues to spread, said Anthony Brown, a spokesman with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Brown said the blaze that started Saturday and is surging through rugged terrain northwest of Sacramento has grown to 109 square miles (280 square kilometers) amid hot and dry weather expected throughout the day. It was 5 percent contained.

"The weather is better than what we had over the weekend. But it's still hampering our efforts and it's an area of concern," he said. So far this year, wildfires have burned 2.7 million acres in the United States, according to the fire center. That's a bit below last year's acreage to date — which included the beginning of California's devastating fire season — but above the 10-year average of 2.3 million acres. □



CITRO SPA

\$5 OFF

COUPON

* Not valid on salon services, specials or any other packages.

<p>Massages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Back, neck and shoulder \$ 60 - Swedish massage \$ 90 - Hydrating massage \$ 90 - Combi massage \$100 - Deep tissue massage \$110 - Couples massage \$170 <p>Facials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Citro mini facial \$ 60 - European facial \$ 90 - Anti-Aging facial \$100 	<p>Body treatments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Milk & Honey Treatment \$125 - Aruba Aloe After Sun Treatment \$130 - Citro Signature Body Treatment \$140 - Aruba Coconut Treatment \$170 <p>Packages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quick Fix package \$110 - Massage & Facial package \$160 - Couples Aruba package \$260
---	---



Located at: La Cabana-Pool Area - ext 6272



Tourist Mobility
Easy Hire
Aruba
Daily Service / Free Delivery & Collection
Local/Int'l Phone (+297) 568 51 65
WWW.EASYHIRE.INFO
E-mail: aruba@easyhire.info

Limo Twin scooter	Large scooter	Mini scooter	Powerchair	Manual Wheelchair	Walker
3 days \$ 300 week \$ 600	3 days \$ 120 week \$ 250	3 days \$ 100 week \$ 150	3 days \$ 150 week \$ 300	3 days \$ 75 week \$ 120	3 days \$ 60 week \$ 100

ASHORE TO ASSIST ON HOLIDAY

Water main break floods Philadelphia, leaves muddy mess

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A large water main break sent up to 15 million gallons of water gushing through downtown Philadelphia streets and onto sidewalks Tuesday, cutting power to thousands of customers.

Water crews were able to stop the flow of water at about 7:30 a.m., after more than three hours of flooding that snarled the morning commute and prompted rerouting of some city buses. Peco said 700 to 750 customers remained without power by midmorning, down from about 2,000 at the height of the flooding.

Crews were pumping out flooded basements, and in some cases water must be removed before electric crews would be able to reach equipment to restore power, officials said.

"Water and electricity don't mix, so we're working with the water department," Peco spokeswoman Deb Yemenijian said. "And in the cases where we can go in safely, we're working with customers to get power restored." An estimate of the damage was not immediately available Tuesday. Officials said water pressure had been restored and



Philadelphia Water Department personal work in Philadelphia where a water main break occurred early Tuesday, July 3, 2018.

Associated Press

Shooting outside Kansas school leaves 1 dead, 1 wounded

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (AP) — One man was killed and another critically wounded Tuesday after a co-worker opened fire on two contract workers outside a suburban Kansas City elementary school.

No children were in the school when the shooting happened just after 9 a.m. at Sunrise Point Elementary School in Overland Park, Kansas, a well-to-do suburb. The suspect was tracked to a home near the shooting scene where he was arrested. He was jailed but charges had not been filed as of Tuesday afternoon.

One of the men underwent surgery but died a few hours after the shooting, police spokesman John Lacy said. The second man was hospitalized in critical condition. Their names have not been released. The injured men were em-

ployees of a contractor that was installing synthetic turf at the school's playground. Police told the Kansas City Star the shooting happened after an argument.

Police said the suspect ran from the school and tried unsuccessfully to carjack a vehicle at a carwash. He was then able to steal a GMC Denali at gunpoint. The empty SUV was found a short time later at the home of the carjacking victim, police said. A SWAT team surrounded the home for about two hours and tried unsuccessfully to make contact with the suspect.

When an armored police vehicle began to move toward the home around noon, the suspect surrendered peacefully, police said. Overland Park Police Chief Francis Donchez described the circumstances as "bizarre to say the least."

asked anyone with continuing problems to call the water department. They said they were trying to meet with all affected businesses and would return

Thursday, after the holiday, to continue those efforts. Water Commissioner Debra McCarty said a recent inspection of the main using technology that goes

inside the pipe turned up no problems. She said she didn't believe the extreme heat that has scorched the region in recent days was a factor in the break. □

Join us at **RED FISH**



Quality Seafood Restaurant



Orange Plaza - Italiestraat 50
Tel: 280-6666 - www.redfisharuba.com
Tuesday to Sunday - 11:30am to 10:00pm





QUE PASA?
ARUBA
RESTAURANT • ART GALLERY & BAR

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

DAILY 4PM - 7PM

3-COURSE CHOICE MENU

<p>APPETIZER</p> <p>French Onion Soup</p> <p>or</p> <p>Caesar Salad</p> <p>Add chicken \$4 - Add shrimp \$6</p>	<p>MAIN COURSE</p> <p>Caribbean Grouper</p> <p>or</p> <p>Tenderloin</p> <p>Your choice of pepper sauce or mushroom sauce</p>	<p>Choose 1 side order: Rice, French fries, vegetables or potato of the day</p> <p>DESSERT</p> <p>Hot Banana or Coffee or Tea</p>
--	---	--

\$21.95

PER PERSON

Wilhelminastraat 18, Oranjestad. Open daily at 4PM. Restaurant open till 11PM & Bar till 12AM. Just 5 minutes walk from Renaissance Hotel. Reservations: + 297 583-4888... Or just walk in!!
E: quepasa@arubawineanddine.com - quepasaaruba.com

Follow us on:

FREE 

Member of: 

NATO allies defend military spending amid Trump criticism

By **LORNE COOK**

JAN M. OLSEN

BRUSSELS (AP)—NATO allies are pushing back against U.S. criticism that they are not spending enough on defense as President Donald Trump ratchets up pressure ahead of a summit next week.

In the weeks leading up to NATO's July 11-12 summit in Brussels, Trump sent letters to the governments of Norway, other European allies and Canada demanding that they boost their defense spending.

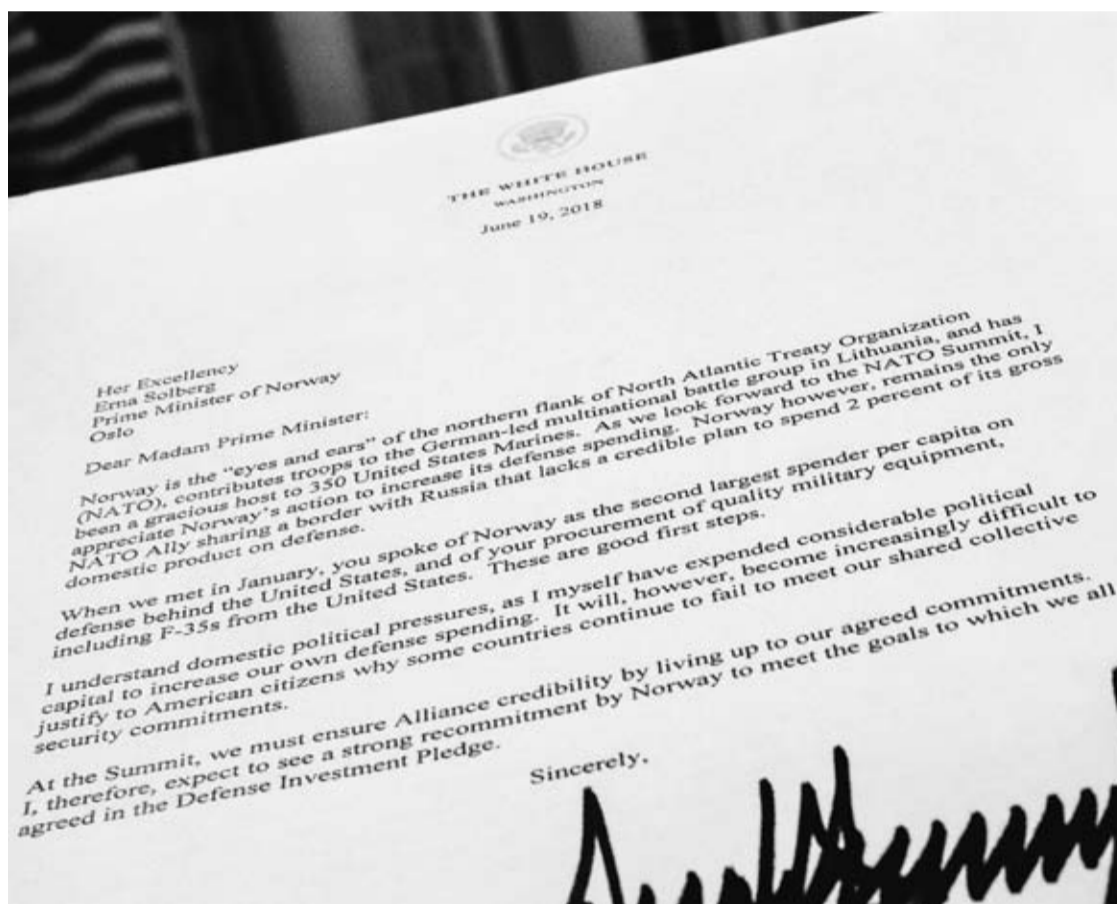
After Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula in 2014, NATO allies agreed to stop cutting defense budgets, to start spending more as their economies grew and to move toward a goal of devoting 2 percent of GDP to defense within a decade.

In an email Tuesday to The Associated Press, Norwegian Defense Minister Frank Bakke-Jensen said "Norway stands by its decision of the NATO Summit in 2014 and is following up on this."

Norway has spent "far beyond" NATO's target on new military equipment, he added.

In Germany, "we stand by the 2 percent goal we've set," Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen said Tuesday. "We're on the path there. And we're prepared ... to take substantial responsibility within the alliance," she added.

When faced with the suggestion that the German government's explanations might not impress Trump, von der Leyen retorted: "We don't want to impress



Prime Minister Erna Solberg of Norway by U.S. President Donald Trump demanding increase in Norway's NATO spending is photographed in Washington, Tuesday, July 3, 2018.

Associated

anyone."

Germany is "investing as much as necessary, as appropriate and as is fair toward our common allies or partners in the alliance," she said.

The upcoming NATO summit is the first major meeting since the fractious Group of Seven talks in Canada last month. NATO officials are concerned that trans-Atlantic divisions over trade tariffs, as well as the U.S. pullout from the Paris global climate agreement and the Iran nuclear deal, could undermine alliance unity.

In the letter to Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg, dated June 19,

Trump wrote that despite her country's important role in the alliance Norway "remains the only NATO ally sharing a border with Russia that lacks a credible plan to spend 2 percent of its gross domestic product on defense."

The stance was repeated in a similar letter to Belgium, where Trump said it will "become increasingly difficult to justify to American citizens why some countries continue to fail to meet our shared collective security commitments."

Trump dressed down his NATO counterparts last year, publicly berating them for not spending enough and claiming they

owe the U.S. money. When he first came to office he even suggested that the U.S. — by far NATO's most powerful ally — might not protect countries that don't pull their weight.

Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel played down the importance of the letter he received, saying it was "typical" of things sent ahead of meetings like the NATO summit.

"I am not too intimidated by this type of mail," he said, adding that Belgium is doing its part in the military alliance.

"We participate in many military operations with our NATO allies and it is this government that decided

to end the systematic reduction of defense spending," he said.

In Canada, Defense Minister Harjit Sajjan's chief of communications said the government has committed to increasing funding by more than 70 percent over the next decade.

"This plan has been rigorously costed, is fully funded, and serves Canada's defense needs. It also upholds our long-standing role as an active contributor to global peace and security," said Director of Communications Renée Filiatrault.

Despite the political rhetoric from the Trump administration, the 2 percent figure does not concern spending on NATO and no one owes the alliance or any ally money. It is about the size of national defense budgets only. Other factors that nations take into consideration when looking at burden-sharing are the amount of money spent on new military equipment and contributions to NATO operations.

But the U.S. spends more on defense than all the others combined — 3.61 percent of GDP in 2016, or around \$664 billion. That's roughly two thirds of total spending on national budgets, according to NATO estimates. Trump argues that a pledge was made and must be kept.

"The president has publicly shared his frustration that he'd like to see other countries step up and do more, particularly when they have the capability and they've made the commitment to do 2 percent. □



Pelican Nest Bar & Seafood Grill

Come & see the spectacular Sunset on the sea
Ask for our daily chef special
Our menu offers an impressive selection of Fresh Seafood
(caught daily by our own fleet), International Dishes and a relaxing Atmosphere.

DAILY HAPPY HOUR

at our Captain's Morgan Bar from 4 - 6 pm \$5 Bar.

Open daily from 11 am - 10 pm

For Reservations call: 5862259

Located between Holiday Inn Hotel & Playa Linda Resort www.pelican-aruba.com



Protests in Poland against government judicial overhaul

By MONIKA SCISLOWSKA

WARSAW, Poland (AP) —

Anti-government protests broke out late Tuesday in Warsaw and several other Polish cities in defense of the country's constitution, judicial independence and the rule of law.

The protests came as a lower retirement age was taking effect for Poland's Supreme Court justices. The law introduced by the ruling right-wing party is forcing the chief justice and as many as one-third of the court's sitting judges to step down.

Thousands of people gathered in front of the Supreme Court building in Warsaw, where they held candles, sang the national anthem and shouted "Free courts!" and "Down with dictatorship!"

There were also protests in Krakow, Lodz, Katowice, Wroclaw and other cities. In Gdansk, the cradle of the anti-communist Solidarity movement of the 1980s, legendary democracy leader Lech Walesa denounced Poland's current government, saying it is



People protest against legislation on the Supreme Court that will force the retirement of more than a third of the judges to the top court, in Warsaw, Poland, Monday, July 2, 2018.

Associated Press

even more "perfidious" than the communists he helped topple.

The protests come as Supreme Court First President Malgorzata Gersdorf is being forced to resign under the legislation that lowers the mandatory retirement age for justices from 70 to 65, a change that could force one in the court's every three judges out.

Gersdorf, 65, vowed to remain on the court, in line with the constitution, and said she planned to show up for work as usual Wednesday.

"My term as the Supreme Court head is being brutally cut, even though it is written into the constitution," Gersdorf told law students during a lecture. "We can speak of a crisis of the

rule of law in Poland, of a lack of respect for the constitution." Pawel Mucha, an aide to Polish President Andrzej Duda who co-authored the new law, said Gersdorf has no choice but to retire even though she says her term runs until 2020 under the country's constitution. In a surprise move, Mucha announced that the temporary acting

head of the court will be another of its judges, Jozef Iwulski, who is 66. The Supreme Court shake-up represents the culmination of a comprehensive overhaul of Poland's justice system that gives the ruling party new powers over the courts.

The changes began after the Law and Justice party came to power in 2015 and have expanded gradually. The Constitutional Tribunal, the court that determines if legislation passes legal muster, was the first put under the party's control.

The Supreme Court is the highest court of appeal for criminal and civil cases in Poland. Its justices also rule on the validity of elections. European Union officials and international human rights groups have expressed alarm, alleging the moves represent an erosion of judicial independence that violates Western standards and a reversal for democracy in Poland.

At the protests, people expressed fears that Law and Justice would use its control of the Supreme Court to falsify elections. □



DAILY HAPPY HOUR
FROM 4PM TILL 6 PM

EVERYDAY FRESH CATCH
NO SERVICE CHARGE

BARNEY'S BAR & RESTAURANT

OUR SPECIALS NIGHTS

MONDAY: ALL YOU CAN EAT FAJITAS \$22.50

TUESDAY: SCHNITZEL NIGHT \$21.50

WEDNESDAY: GROUPER NIGHT \$23.50

THURSDAY: ALL YOU CAN EAT BBQ RIBS \$23.50

FRIDAY: ALL YOU CAN EAT BBQ NIGHT \$23.50

SATURDAY: ALL YOU CAN EAT STEAK NIGHT \$25.50

EARLY BIRD
3 COURSE MENU
FROM 4 TILL 6.30
\$24.50

RESERVATIONS CALL: +297 586 5420 WWW.BARNEYSARUBA.COM PALM BEACH 21 A NOORD
EMAIL: EAT@BARNEYSARUBA.COM, ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE EVENTS

With online reservations on super saver day
No exceptions

SAVE UP TO 20%

JOLLY PIRATE TICKETS

SAIL, SNORKEL, SWIM & SWING! 9am-1pm \$60pp Visit 3 Great sites BBQ, Open Bar, Gear & Ropeswing!	AFTERNOON SNORKEL 2-5pm \$45pp 2 snorkel sites Open Bar, Gear & Ropeswing!	SUNSET SAIL 5:30-7:30pm \$32pp Open Bar & Ropeswing!
--	--	---

www.jolly-pirates.com

Offer not valid in combination with other discount offers.

Iran issues oil warning as UAE says production can rise

By **NASSER KARIMI**
JON GAMBRELL

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran issued a new warning over Mideast oil supplies as the United Arab Emirates said on Tuesday it could increase its own production, the latest remarks to follow President Donald Trump's demand for lower global energy prices.

The comments by Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and the unexpected announcement by the UAE's oil-rich capital Abu Dhabi came as U.S. benchmark crude traded around \$75 a barrel.

A recent decision by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries to increase the cartel's own production by 1 million barrels a day has yet to tamp down prices. That's led to higher prices at gasoline pumps in the United States as it heads toward midterm elections for Congress.

Speaking to Iranian expatriates Monday night in Switzerland, where he was on an official visit, Rouhani took aim at America.

The U.S. pulled out of the Iran nuclear deal in May and initially said it wanted allies to stop buying Iranian crude entirely. The State Department said Monday it would examine waivers on a "case-by-case basis" as it re-imposes sanctions.

"The main goal of the United States by imposing sanctions is to put pressure on people, but they claim that they want to put pressure on the Iranian government," Rouhani's website quoted him as saying. "But when they apply sanctions on people's basic needs



Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, right, arrives at the Zurich airport, in Kloten, Switzerland. Monday, July 2, 2018.

Associated Press

like medicine, who will be put under pressure?"

Rouhani added that if Iran's crude oil exports were threatened, the rest of the Mideast's would be as well. "It seems they do not understand what they are saying when they say Iran will not be allowed to export even a single drop of oil," Rouhani said in remarks aired by Iranian state television. "All right, if you can do such a thing, do it and see the result!"

Rouhani did not elaborate, but Iran long has asserted it could shut down the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow body of water that separates the Persian Gulf from the wider world. A third of

all oil traded by sea passes through the strait and the U.S. Navy regularly has direct, tense encounters with Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard there.

The U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet, which patrols the region, has said it has not seen any "unsafe and unprofessional" actions by Iranian naval forces in the Persian Gulf since August 2017. It did not immediately respond to a request for comment Tuesday over Rouhani's remarks.

Separately, Iran's Interior Minister Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli warned Tuesday that "if we close our eyes for 24 hours, 1 million refugees will go toward Europe

through our Western borders" via Turkey. Some 5,000 tons of narcotics also could be smuggled to the West, he added, according to the semi-official Fars news agency.

Iran lies on a major trafficking route between Afghanistan and Europe, as well as the Persian Gulf states. Large drug seizures are common across the region. Meanwhile, the state-run Abu Dhabi National Oil Co. issued a surprise statement Tuesday saying it has an oil production capacity of 3.3 million barrels per day. It added that it "remains on track to increase its production capacity to 3.5 million (barrels per day) by the

end of 2018."

The company also said it "has the ability to increase oil production by several hundred thousand barrels of oil per day, should this be required to help alleviate any potential supply shortage in the market."

The oil company previously announced in November it had plans to expand its capacity to 3.5 million barrels of oil per day. It produced some 2.8 million barrels of oil per day in May, according to the most-recent figures released by OPEC.

The UAE, an American-allied federation of seven sheikhdoms on the Arabian Peninsula, hosts some 5,000 U.S. troops. Dubai also is the U.S. Navy's busiest port of call abroad.

Its statement Tuesday comes as Trump increasingly has criticized OPEC for not doing enough to lower oil prices. On Saturday, Trump wrote on Twitter that he had received assurances from King Salman of Saudi Arabia that the kingdom will increase oil production, "maybe up to 2,000,000 barrels" in response to turmoil in Iran and Venezuela. The White House later seemed to walk back on Trump's tweet.

Saudi Arabia has acknowledged the call took place, but mentioned no production targets. The kingdom currently produces some 10 million barrels of crude daily. Its record is 10.72 million barrels a day.

Saudi Energy Minister Khalid al-Falih called his Russian counterpart Alexander Novak to discuss the recent OPEC deal, according a report Tuesday by the state-run Saudi Press Agency. □



Early Bird special

Only \$22.95 p.p.

3-course choice menu
.....
served between
4pm - 7pm

Indoor & outdoor seating
Large Terrace with live music

Not valid in combination with other offers

f t i

ARUBA WINE & DINE

Located at Arawak Garden | For reservations call (+297) 586 8600 | Open 7 days a week from 4pm - 11pm | www.tangoaruba.com

Ex-Malaysia leader's arrest part of a swift fall from grace

By EILEEN NG

Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia

(AP) — Just two months ago, Najib Razak was a towering figure in Malaysian politics and literally beyond the law. That cloak of privilege and impunity was torn away Tuesday when anti-corruption police arrested him at his posh Kuala Lumpur home.

Since his spectacular defeat in a May 9 general election, the government has swiftly reopened investigations into the multibillion-dollar looting of the 1MDB state investment fund that Najib set up when he took power in 2009. The now defunct fund amassed billions in debts and is being investigated in the U.S. and several other countries for alleged cross-border embezzlement and money laundering.

In a series of humiliations since his electoral loss, the patrician and luxury-loving Najib and his wife, Rosmah Mansor, were banned from leaving the country; truckloads of luggage stashed with cash, jewelry and hundreds of expensive designer bags worth a staggering 1.1 billion ringgit (\$272 million) were seized from their home and other properties; and anti-corruption police questioned Najib for hours last month about the 1MDB scandal.

Najib will be charged in court on Wednesday, making him one of a few Southeast Asian leaders to be prosecuted after losing office.

The government said his arrest was related to the sus-



In this Thursday, May 24, 2018, file photo, former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak arrives at the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Office in Putrajaya, Malaysia.

Associated Press

picious transfer of 42 billion ringgit (\$10.6 billion) from SRC International, a former unit of 1MDB, into his bank accounts using multiple intermediary companies between December 2015 and February 2015 but didn't give details of the charges against him.

Najib denies any wrongdoing and has accused the government of a "political vengeance" against his family.

British-educated Najib is a political blue-blood whose father and uncle were the country's second and third prime ministers, respectively. He was thrust into politics in 1976 after his father died, becoming Malaysia's youngest lawmaker at age 22, and the youngest deputy minister two years later. Najib took power as Malaysia's sixth prime minister

in 2009 with a mandate to reinvigorate the National Front coalition following a poor election performance in 2008 when its majority in parliament shrank.

Najib, 64, cast himself as a liberal and reforming leader of the predominantly Muslim country of 31 million. Both finance minister and premier, he navigated Malaysia through the global financial crisis of 2009 and abolished draconian colonial-era security laws only to impose similar repressive measures several years later. Former President Barack Obama praised him as a "reformer with much to do." Najib speaks impeccable English with a posh accent, has his own blog and is an avid social media user. He often seems far removed from the concerns of ordinary Malaysians and the

poor rural Malays who are the bedrock of his ruling party.

He was mocked by the opposition earlier this year for saying he prefers eating quinoa, an expensive imported South American grain, to rice, a staple of the Malaysian diet.

Despite this, the National Front suffered a further loss of support in 2013, getting fewer votes than the opposition for the first time, though still winning 133 out of 222 parliamentary seats. Najib blamed a "Chinese tsunami," referring to minority ethnic Chinese abandoning his coalition.

He imposed new repressive security measures and increasingly pandered to Islamists and ethnic chauvinism to shore up his Malay support base. Opposition leader and former Deputy


Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim was convicted of sodomy for a second time in 2015 and imprisoned in a case that he said was fabricated by the government to crush the opposition.

Najib's leadership came under further pressure when leaked documents in 2015 showed that \$700 million linked to 1MDB had gone into his private bank account. It sparked massive street rallies demanding his resignation, but Najib responded with an iron fist. He sacked critics in the government, including the attorney general, who was preparing to charge him and his deputy, muzzled the media and stifled investigations into the scandal.

The U.S. Justice Department alleges that \$4.5 billion was stolen from 1MDB by associates of Najib between 2009 and 2014, and was laundered through layers of bank accounts in the U.S. and other countries to finance Hollywood films and for extravagant purchases that included hotels, a luxury yacht, art works and jewelry. Court filings say this included \$27.3 million to buy a 22-carat pink diamond necklace for Najib's wife.

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions described the scandal, which was first reported by The Wall Street Journal in 2015, as "kleptocracy at its worst."

Malaysia's attorney general attempted to clear Najib in 2016, saying the money was a political donation from the Saudi royal family and that most of it was returned. □



THE BAR-GRILL WITH A VIEW TO KILL

HAPPY HOURS: 12-1pm & 5-6pm HOME OF THE LOCAL FISHERMEN | ALWAYS THE FRESHEST SEAFOOD

Nos Clubhuis aruba

LOCATED ON THE BEACH UPSTAIRS FROM HADICURARI RESTAURANT, BETWEEN MARRIOTT'S SURF CLUB AND MOOMBA BEACH
OPEN DAILY: 10AM - 10PM | LUNCH, DINNER, BBQ & DRINKS | TEL: +297 583 1188 | WWW.NOSCLUBHUISARUBA.COM

Brazilian businessman Eike Batista convicted of corruption

SAO PAULO (AP) — A Brazilian businessman famous for amassing and then losing a multi-billion-dollar fortune has been convicted of corruption and money laundering and sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Eike Batista was found guilty of paying around \$16.5 million in bribes to the then-Rio de Janeiro governor to gain an advantage in government contracts. Ex-Gov. Sergio Cabral was also convicted — one of several corruption cases against Cabral, who is already in



In this Nov. 18, 2014, file photo, former billionaire Eike Batista, a Brazilian tycoon once named No. 7 on Forbes, attends his hearing at a federal criminal court in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Associated Press

prison. A federal judge in Rio de Janeiro signed the decision on Monday but it did not become widely known until Tuesday. Fernando Martins, a lawyer for Batista, complained the case against his client was vague and said that he would appeal, according to Brazilian media. The court said he will not begin serving his sentence while the appeal is pending. A lawyer for Cabral also said he would appeal.

The case is part an investigation into the laundering

and hiding of about \$100 million in foreign bank accounts. Prosecutors allege that nearly \$80 million of that belonged to Cabral. The probe is one branch of Brazil's massive Car Wash investigation into the systematic trading of bribes and illegal campaign contributions to politicians in exchange for favors for companies. An oil and mining magnate, Eike was once Brazil's richest man and was listed by Forbes magazine in 2011 as the world's eighth-richest person. □

Puerto Rico senators deal blow to governor amid budget clash

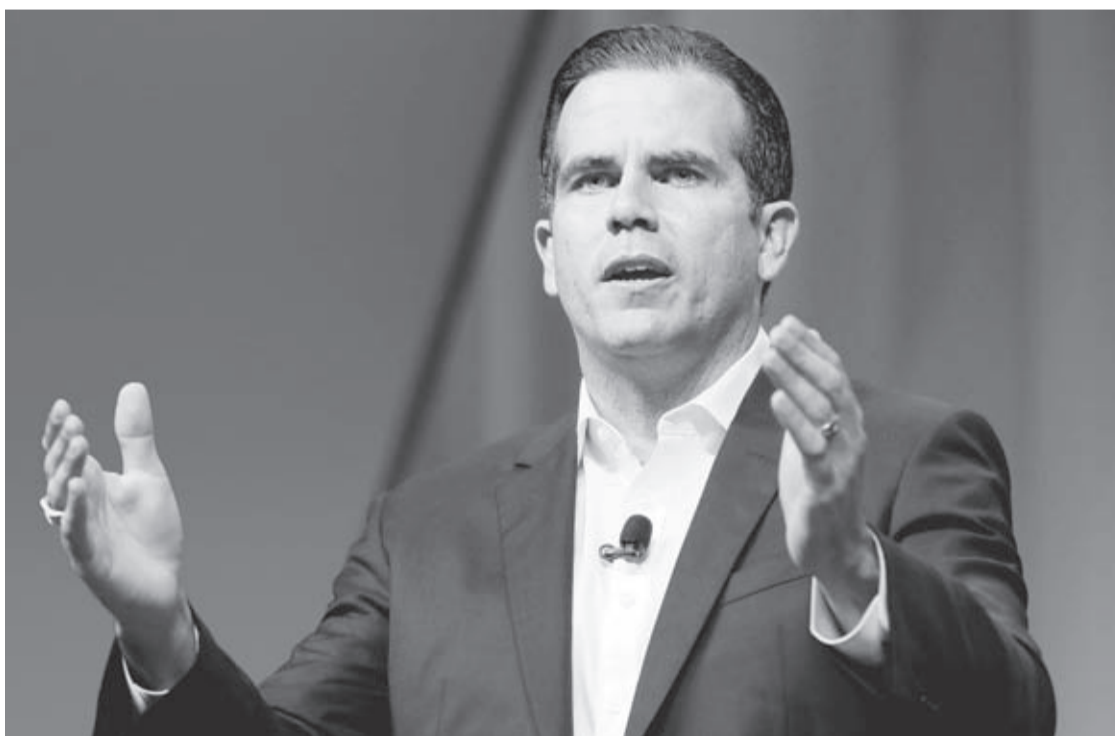
By **DANICA COTO**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Austerity measures are looming for Puerto Rico after local senators on Tuesday for the second time shot down a measure aimed at overcoming budget differences between the U.S. territory's government and a federal control board overseeing its finances.

The vote was a blow to Gov. Ricardo Rossello, who had hastily convened a special session to avoid having a court resolve the issue.

Eighteen of 22 senators rejected a bill that would have repealed some rights given to workers who have been unjustly dismissed. The board would have granted concessions such as not slashing vacation and sick days or eliminating a Christmas bonus if legislators had approved the bill.

Among those who voted against the measure was



Puerto Rico's Governor Ricardo Rossello speaks about investment and business in Puerto Rico, during the Select USA Summit, in Oxon Hill, Md., Friday, June 22, 2018.

Associated Press

Thomas Rivera Schatz, president of Puerto Rico's Senate and a member of the governor's party.

"If we don't prevail in court, each one of those who de-

fended Puerto Rico can look into people's eyes and say, 'I fought until the end,'" he said.

Rivera also accused the board of blackmailing

Puerto Rico's government at a time the island is struggling to recover from Hurricane Maria and trying to restructure a portion of its \$70 billion public debt load

amid an 11-year recession. Board spokesman Jose Luis Cedenio said there would be no immediate comment.

Rossello issued a statement saying he had hoped for a "responsible and prudent consideration" of all measures to be debated during the special session, which lasted roughly one hour.

"The president of the Senate chose not to devote time to this issue, leaving our people in the uncertainty caused by the breach in agreement with the (board)," he said.

Puerto Rico now faces two budgets as a result of the disagreement: one approved by the board and another by legislators that Rossello signed on Monday. Hours after he signed it, board director Natalie Jaresko told reporters they would talk with government officials but would head to court if needed to resolve their differences. □

LOCAL



Fourth edition of UAUCU publication presented to authors



In the picture: students Stephanie Arango, Thaïs Franken, Dirijini Piter and Jay-Mar Gamarra have received their copies of the publication from project coordinator Eric Mijts in the presence of UA rector Glenn Thodé and UA lecturer Kitty Groothuijse.

ORANJESTAD — On June 29, the participants in the 2018 UAUCU received their copies of the 2018 collected undergraduate student research papers. This volume presents academic papers and personal reflections written by the participants of the UAUCU student research exchange project 2018.

These texts reflect the diversity of academic disciplines and approaches, as well as the diversity in cultural background, of this year's participants. The program,

which offers students from the University of Aruba (UA) and University College Utrecht (UCU) the opportunity to conduct research in a multidisciplinary international student team, has already proven a successful formula: work presented in the 2015, 2016 and 2017 volumes led to international publications, and thesis awards for several program alumni. We anticipate similar achievements for contributors to the 2018 edition.

The academic works included in the book treat

topics like identity, culture, creativity, entrepreneurship, economics, human resources, policy, and environmental conservation. The nature of the research is equally far-ranging, including pilot projects, theoretical explorations verified with respondent data, in depth environmental studies, and sociocultural studies that explore fundamental issues confronting society. The diverse papers are linked by a common interest in sustainable societies, reflecting a strong sense of community awareness,

and providing research findings that have meaning for Aruban society.

The papers further demonstrate how the student researchers' collaboration in a multidisciplinary team has influenced their approach to their work. The participants have all also contributed personal pieces reflecting on their experiences. The cultural and ethnic diversity within the group contributed to an extraordinarily rich social environment, and their reflective texts show the strength

of the collaboration and mutual support within this diverse group. The texts reveal much about the power of this project: it is about the realization that we can achieve more in the world when we take multiple perspectives in approaching problems, and when we work together to build on each other's complementary strengths.

The publication - as well as the previous years' editions - can be accessed at <http://www.ua.aw/international/> □

One Long White Table in the middle of the Street



ORANJESTAD — The Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino and Long Table Aruba hit the road again with their last year's super successful event: Long Table Aruba Dinner Event. Coming Sunday you will see 1000 seats on one long table in the middle of the L.G.Smith Boulevard, a dining experience under the stars and the good thing is that all benefits go to a good cause, in this case the children's home Casa Cuna, a 7x24 facility for children aged 0 to 8 years.

"It is an experience, a unique dinner at the longest table in Aruba. A three-course dinner with wine pairing for only \$25. Together we can make a difference", says Angela Hagedoorn, Banquet Manager. "Last year we organized the event for the first time in June. All our directors were in charge of selling the tickets and they were sold out right away. Only 100 were left for the general public and they went like cupcakes." This year all tickets were sold for the general public and they were sold out 1 month before already.

Out-of-the-Box

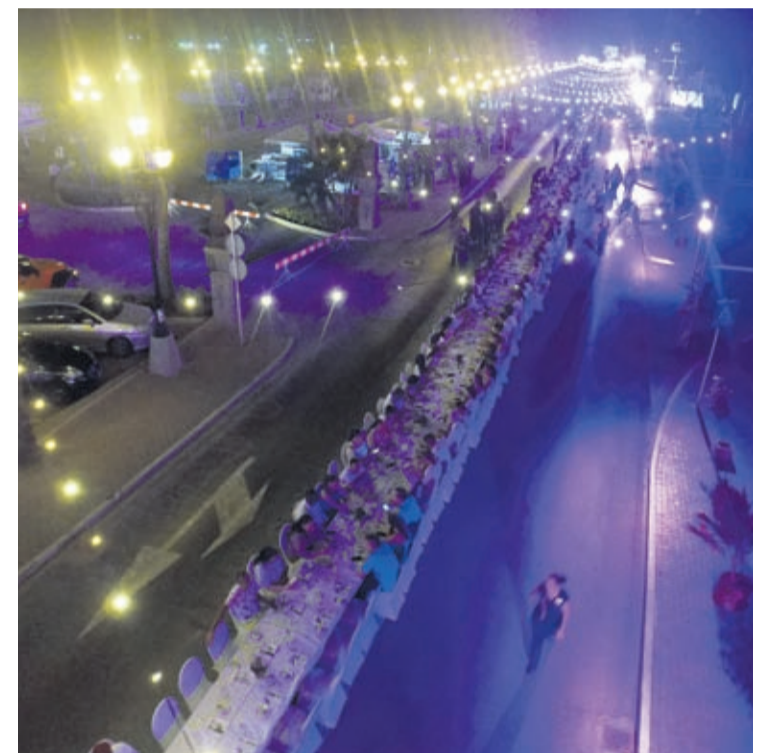
Zugheila Lindeborg, Local Marketing Manager: "We will have a small live band and DJ as well as a MC. The dress code is all in white. It is impressive to

see all walking in, hostesses will seat the guests as your ticket number is your seat number." The main goal is to give to a good cause, give back to the community because this event is all done by voluntary work and sponsors. Last year the Wilhelmina Kanker Fonds and Mary Joan Foundation were selected and the event happened on Press Awareness Day. This year children's home Casa Cuna will receive the donation. "We wanted to break the world record for the Guinness Book, but we failed with just a couple of tables. Another reason to organize this event is to do something out-of-the-box."

Behind the Screens

There is a mountain to or-

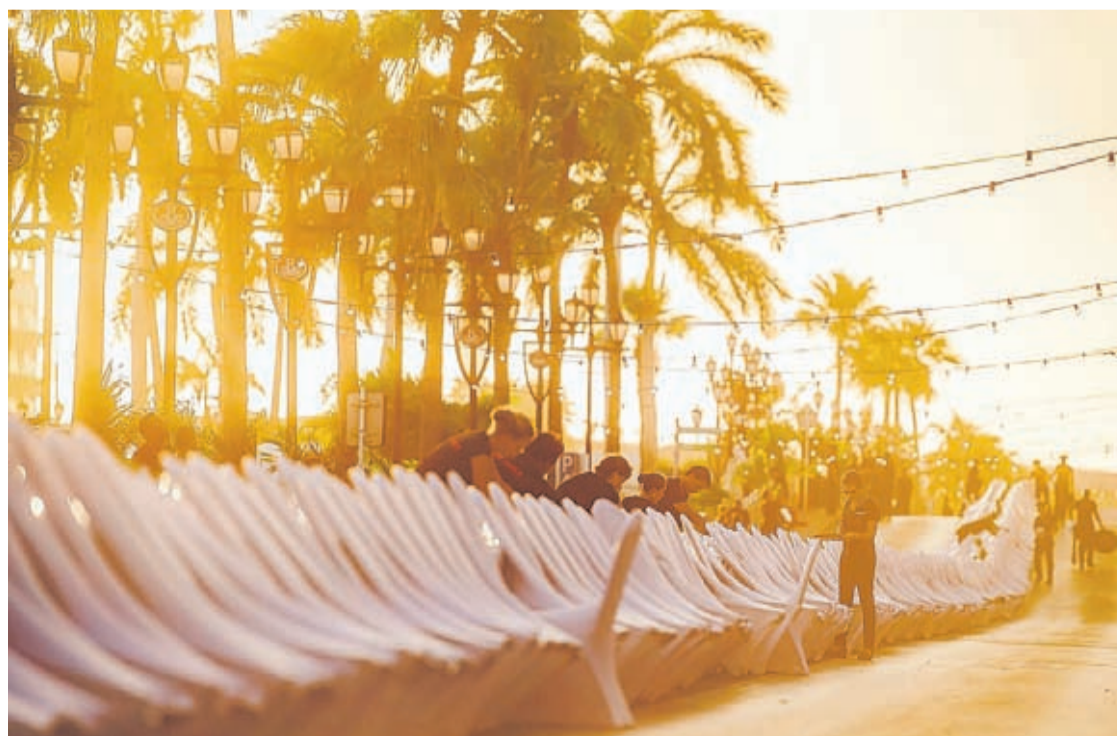
ganize for an event like this. Angela: "Last year one month in advance we started and luckily all vendors were very enthusiastic about the idea. They even wanted to do more than what we were asking for. 1000 chairs were needed which we had in house, 250 long tables that we didn't have but vendors helped us with that. Good wines were sponsored by Tropical Bottling Company as well as beers and sodas and Caribbean Overseas sponsored the food. Our chefs started to see what they could do as we are talking about dining in open air and with wind." The team managed to serve a nice salad in a bowl, chicken for the main course and a chocolate brownie in a ter-



ra cotta cup to take away. There is a tight schedule because the road closes half at noon, other half at 2 PM. The permit runs until 10 PM. After that all must be cleared within 1 hour, explains Angela. "And do not forget about the necessary maintenance: electricity and water. The food

is prepared in our convention center's kitchen and we bring it in by trucks in hot boxes to three pop-up kitchens close by. There it is served from to the tables." There will be three bars serving wine, beer and sodas and a team of about 300 hotel employees to make sure the event will be a success. "This is real team work, everybody is extremely enthusiastic and every single department of our company is involved. All on a voluntary base! It is amazing."

The dinner will start sharp 7 Pm and end sharp 10 PM, due to the permit. "We will for sure have public outside to admire this wonderful happening. If you want to be sure to be part of it next year, register already to be on the list", Zugheila advises. You can find more information on Facebook Long Table Aruba or renaissance aruba resort casino. □



WORLD FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

June 11 – July 13, 2018

**WIN A 75" TV
AND A SHARE OF \$12,000 IN FREE SLOT PLAY!**

Catch Football Fever with 9 Drawings every Friday with 3 Winners at 9, 10 and 11pm

Receive one entry for every 25 Football Points or 4 Table Credits.

WILD Wednesday

— WIN YOUR SHARE OF —
\$500 in Free Slot Play

Earn one Free Entry Ticket for every 25 Slot Points earned today from 10am to 10pm.
Drawings from 10:30pm to 11:30pm!

THE SHOPS AT ALHAMBRA CASINO

Offering a wide variety of Retail & Dining Outlets, Salon & Spa Services, Souvenirs and more.

Alhambra
CASINO AND SHOPS

Open daily 10am to 4am | J.E. Irawsquin Blvd #47
583.5000 | casinoalhambra.com

Local Banks sign MoU with BCA to implement instant payment method in Aruba

ORANJESTAD — Last Thursday, the 5 commercial banks, Aruba Bank N.V., Banco di Caribe Aruba N.V., Caribbean Mercantile Bank N.V., First Caribbean International Bank (Cayman) Ltd. – Aruba branch and RBC Royal Bank (Aruba) N.V., signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Central Bank of Aruba (BCA) to start working together on a instant payment method which will launch January 2019.

Two weeks ago BCA took another essential step in making this important project come true when they signed a contract with equens Worldline, the European leader in the payment and transaction service industries. This new platform will replace the current system of "clearing & settlement"



that the BCA has, and will have the functionality of processing all transactions between local bank accounts in an instantaneous

way, 24 hours a day, every day, the whole year long.

Now that a MoU is signed, the banks will work together

with the BCA to execute this important project in the planned period.

This new platform will offer

Aruba a modern payment system and a solid base to continue innovation and bringing new solutions forward. □

Today's Happening



A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba



Wednesday 4

4th of July Dinner Buffet

- Enjoy an All-American dinner buffet featuring mouthwatering food stations such as BBQ station, carving station, seafood bar, pizza station, pasta station as well as a special kids station featuring a popcorn stand, S'mores station and chocolate fountain to mention a few!
- 5.30 – 10.30 PM
- Restaurant La Vista, Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris® Casino
- Facebook Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris® Casino

Thursday 5

Aruba Hi-Winds

- Aruba is a windsurfing mecca, and for more than three decades, the sport's largest amateur competition has been held right here on the island. Along the way, kite boarding was added to the competition events. Do not miss this event!
- All day & week, check Facebook
- Fisherman's Huts, Noord
- Facebook Aruba Hi-Winds



Friday 6

Aruba Hi-Winds MTB Challenge

- Mountain Bike Challenge linked to the Aruba Hi-Winds event, Friday and Saturday you are most welcome to pass by and enjoy the fun or even participate.
- Registration at Fisherman's hut's from 6 PM
- Fisherman's Huts, Noord
- Facebook Aruba Hi-Winds

Saturday 7

Food Festival

- Unique experience with live music, local art and a fresh new take on your favorite local dishes from different restaurants.
- 6 – 10.30 PM
- Renaissance Mall & Marketplace, Oranjestad
- Facebook Renaissance | Mall & Marketplace



Sunday 8

Aruba Ray's Comedy

- Comedians show with stars from America's Got talent, Tonight Show & Comedy Central
- From 8.30 PM
- Marriot Resort & Stellaris Casino
- Facebook Aruba Ray's Comedy



Monday 9

Joy of Aruba

- One of Aruba's best Youth Dance Group. The performers will be presenting the most popular folkloric & modern music and dance of the island of Aruba. The Popcorn Dancers are determined to bring pleasure for your eyes, ears, heart & soul.
- From 9 PM
- Divi & Tamarijn hotel, Eagle Beach
- Facebook Popcorn Club & Dancers Aruba



Tuesday 10

Local Art Market

- Crafts that are 100% Made in Aruba by local talented artisans make part of this wonderful market. Foundation A.R.U.B.A. organizes this vibrant crafts market and you are most welcome to visit.
- 6 – 9 PM
- Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris® Casino, Palm Beach
- Facebook Foundation Aruba

Aruba hi-winds ready for its 32nd edition



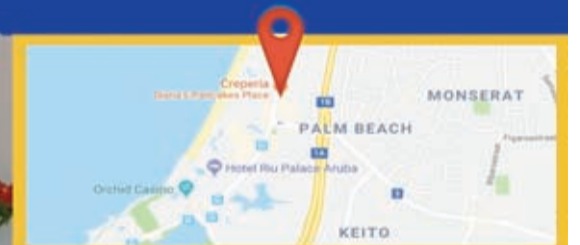
PALMBEACH — The month of July is here so locals as well as international windsurfers and kite boarders are getting their gear ready for the annual Aruba Hi-Winds, the largest water sports event of its kind in the Caribbean. This year, the event is celebrating its 32nd anniversary. A lot of things have changed since the early years, in the late 80's, early 90's, when professional windsurfers used to come to Aruba to compete.

Aruba Hi-Winds, however,

has always managed to follow the latest trends. In the past 20 years, it was a popular amateur event, bringing in participants from the Americas, Europe and the Caribbean. Kiteboarding has become an important part of the event, as is the Mountain Bike competition. Aruba Hi-Winds has moved with the times and it is here to stay, so expect the beach of Fisherman's Huts to fill up with colourful sails and enthusiastic athletes once again in the first week of July.



Pre-Construction Prices Available



TOLL FREE 1 866 978 61 92
+ 297 699 29 79

FOLLOW US ON:   **@arubaslife**
info@arubaslife.com | www.arubaslife.com

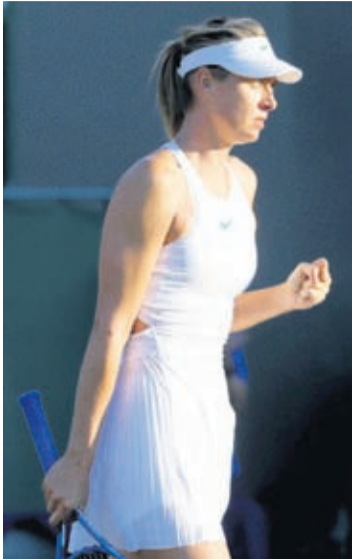


Aruba can boast several talented windsurfers: Sarah-Quita Offringa, multiple world champion freestyle and slalom, was raised on this island and has been a participant at the Aruba Hi-Winds through the years. The same counts for Ethan Westera, who just recently claimed the title of IFCA Slalom World Champion.

More information and updates on this event in our Friday Local Sports section. □



SPORTS



Maria Sharapova of Russia celebrates winning a game against Vitalia Diatchenko of Russia during their women's singles match on the second day at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Tuesday July 3, 2018.

Associated Press

Past champs Sharapova, Kvitova beaten at Wimbledon of upsets

By HOWARD FENDRICH, AP Tennis Writer

LONDON (AP) — These are not the sorts of matches Maria Sharapova is supposed to lose, letting lead after lead slip away Tuesday against a qualifier ranked 132nd — and in the first round of Wimbledon, no less.

Then again, at this edition of The Championships, as they prefer to call the event around here, the initial 48 hours have provided more surprising exits than anyone's accustomed to: A total of seven top-10 men's and women's seeds departed in the opening round, more than in any previous year in the professional era's half-century.

Continued on Page 22

RAISING KANE



England finally wins penalty shootout at World Cup

England's Harry Kane celebrates after scoring his side's first goal during the round of 16 match between Colombia and England at the 2018 soccer World Cup in the Spartak Stadium, in Moscow, Russia, Tuesday, July 3, 2018.

Associated Press

Page 20

Forsberg, the quiet heir to Ibrahimovic, delivers for Sweden

By STEVE DOUGLAS

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP)

—Shy, diminutive and without that distinctive pony-tail, Emil Forsberg couldn't be more different than the larger-than-life Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

They share an ability to conjure something out of nothing on a soccer field, though, as Forsberg showed in leading Sweden into the World Cup quarter-finals for the first time in 24 years.

Forsberg dropped his shoulder to create space at the edge of the area and scored with a deflected shot to earn the Swedes a 1-0 victory over Switzerland on Tuesday.

"It brings tears to my eyes," Forsberg said, "and makes me so proud."

The 26-year-old Forsberg arrived in Russia shouldering much of Sweden's creative burden following the international retirement of Ibrahimovic, who ruled the national team for more than a decade and is the greatest player the country ever produced.

Forsberg was quiet in the group stage but the attacking midfielder's skills and slick movement stood out against Switzerland in an otherwise scrappy game between two of Europe's less-decorated nations.

"He has developed in terms of the holistic approach to his game," Sweden coach Janne Andersson said. "Even if he doesn't succeed in every dribble, in every part of his game he contributes in so many ways and he has those decisive moments."

Forsberg didn't get much power behind his shot and it was likely heading straight for Switzerland goalkeeper Yann Sommer. However, it took a deflection off the foot of center back Manuel Akanji and bounced up and into the net.

Sweden became the fifth European team to reach the quarterfinals and will next play England on Saturday in Samara. Limited but with a highly effective game plan, the Swedes should not be underesti-

mated. This was another opportunity spurned by the Swiss, who have reached the last 16 in four of their last five appearances at the World Cup only to be eliminated without scoring a goal. They haven't scored in a knockout game in soccer's biggest tournament in 64 years, when they last reached in the quarterfinals at home in 1954.

They finished the game with 10 men after right back Michael Lang was sent off in stoppage time for a professional foul on Sweden substitute Martin Olsson. The referee initially awarded a penalty kick but later gave a free kick on the edge of the area after a video review.

Switzerland was fortunate to still be in the match at that point.

Ibrahimovic, now 36 and playing out his illustrious career in the United States, would surely have put away some of the first-half chances created by his countrymen against a fragile Switzerland defense which was missing the suspended Fabian Schaer and Stephan Lichtsteiner. Striker Marcus Berg was the biggest culprit, spurning two openings in quick succession, while Albin Ekdal volleyed over with the goal at his mercy.

The Swedes were limited but played to the strengths that got them past Italy in the two-leg World Cup playoff and to the top of a group containing defending champion Germany, Mexico and South Korea. Their long balls forward caused panic and they were more bullish in their tackling in midfield.

The Swiss certainly weren't playing like a team ranked No. 6 in the world and with only one loss in their previous 25 games. Their build-up play was sloppy, with the best effort falling to Remo Freuler with a late header that was saved by Robin Olsen.

"They have done precisely what they're very good at," Switzerland coach Vladimir Petkovic said, "and that might have been enough to beat us." □



Sweden's Emil Forsberg kicks the ball to score his side's opening goal during the round of 16 match between Switzerland and Sweden at the 2018 soccer World Cup in the St. Petersburg Stadium, in St. Petersburg, Russia, Tuesday, July 3, 2018.

Associated Press



For more information contact us at + (297) 586-2200.
Toll Free from the U.S. 1-866-978-5770.

224 J.E. Irausquin Blvd. • oranjestad • aruba
sales@O-eaglebeacharuba.com • www.O-eaglebeacharuba.com

Happy Hour at
BUGALOE
TODAY: 5-6pm & 10-11pm
SPECIAL PRICES on Mojito
and local beers: Balashi & Chill

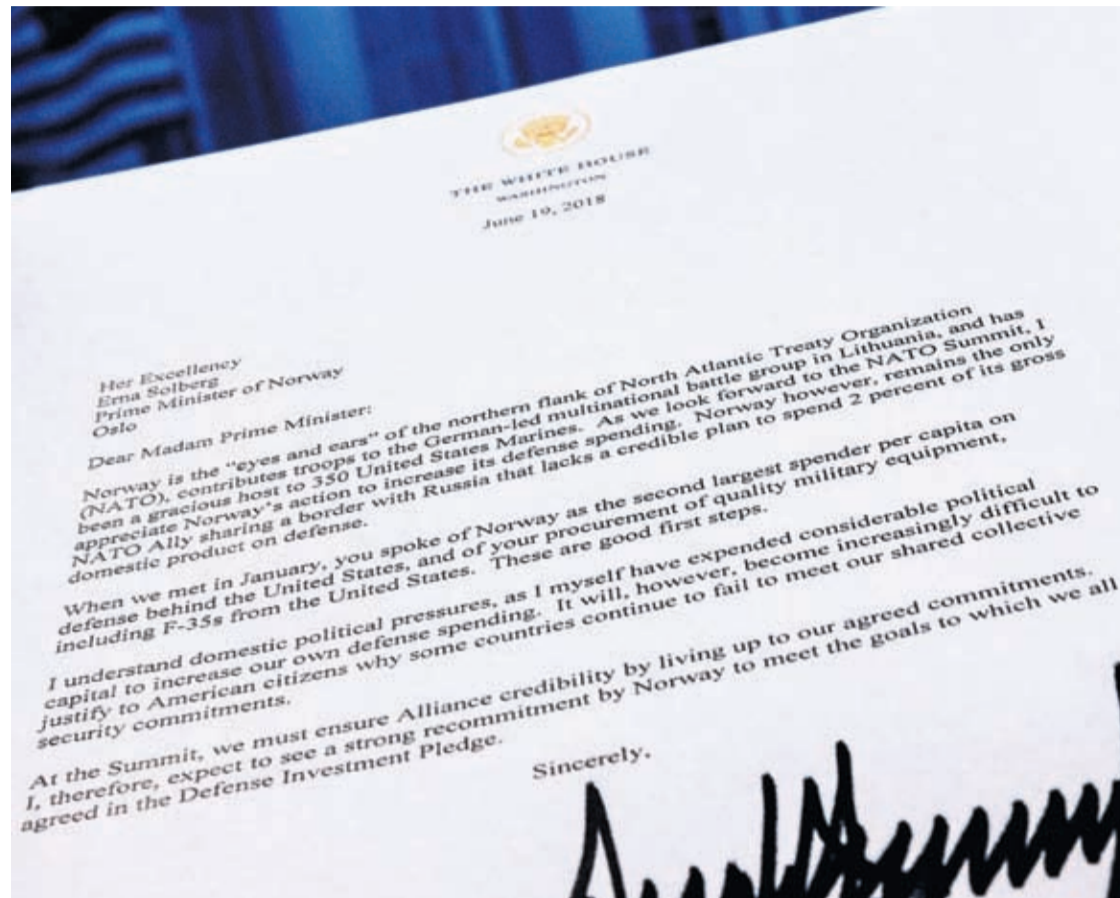


Located at De Palm Pier
between the Hilton Resort and Riu Hotel

Breakfast
DAILY: 7:30am-10:30am



BUGALOE
Beach Bar and Grill
T: (+297) 586-2233
info@bugaloe.com
www.Bugaloe.com



Prime Minister Erna Solberg of Norway by U.S. President Donald Trump demanding increase in Norway's NATO spending is photographed in Washington, Tuesday, July 3, 2018.

Associated

NATO allies defend military spending amid Trump criticism

By **LORNE COOK**
JAN M. OLSEN

BRUSSELS (AP)—NATO allies are pushing back against U.S. criticism that they are not spending enough on defense as President Donald Trump ratchets up pressure ahead of a summit next week.

In the weeks leading up to NATO's July 11-12 summit in Brussels, Trump sent letters to the governments of Norway, other European allies and Canada demanding that they boost their defense spending.

After Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula in 2014, NATO allies agreed to stop cutting defense budgets, to start spending more as their economies grew and to move toward a goal of devoting 2 percent of GDP to defense within a decade. In an email Tuesday to The Associated Press, Norwegian Defense Minister Frank Bakke-Jensen said "Norway stands by its decision of the NATO Summit in 2014 and is following up on this."

Norway has spent "far beyond" NATO's target on new military equipment, he added.

In Germany, "we stand by the 2 percent goal we've set," Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen said Tuesday. "We're on the path there. And we're prepared ... to take substantial responsibility within the alliance," she added.

When faced with the suggestion that the German government's explanations might not impress Trump, von der Leyen retorted: "We don't want to impress anyone."

Germany is "investing as much as necessary, as appropriate and as is fair toward our common allies

or partners in the alliance," she said. The upcoming NATO summit is the first major meeting since the fractious Group of Seven talks in Canada last month. NATO officials are concerned that trans-Atlantic divisions over trade tariffs, as well as the U.S. pullout from the Paris global climate agreement and the Iran nuclear deal, could undermine alliance unity.

In the letter to Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg, dated June 19, Trump wrote that despite her country's important role in the alliance Norway "remains the only NATO ally sharing a border with Russia that lacks a credible plan to spend 2 percent of its gross domestic product on defense."

The stance was repeated in a similar letter to Belgium, where Trump said it will "become increasingly difficult to justify to American citizens why some countries continue to fail to meet our shared collective security commitments."

Trump dressed down his NATO counterparts last year, publicly berating them for not spending enough and claiming they owe the U.S. money. When he first came to office he even suggested that the U.S. — by far NATO's most powerful ally — might not protect countries that don't pull their weight.

Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel played down the importance of the letter he received, saying it was "typical" of things sent ahead of meetings like the NATO summit.

"I am not too intimidated by this type of mail," he said, adding that Belgium is doing its part in the military alliance. □

Orchid Casino
At the Riu Palace Antillas
Formerly The Westin
525-7777

CASH GAMES STARTS 7PM EVERY NIGHT

2-4 Limit (Only at the Orchid Casino)
2-5 No Limit
5-5 Pot Limit Omaha
First 6 players to Buy-in for \$100
before 8.15pm gets an extra early bird bonus worth \$20

PROMOTIONS FOR THE WHOLE NIGHT

\$50 High hand give away every 30 minutes
Quads = \$50,- (Must use pair in hand)
*Straight Flush = \$100,-
*Royal Flush = \$500,-
*(Must use both cards in hand)

SIT & GO TOURNAMENTS EVERY MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

Tournament Starts 7:30 pm
Buy in \$30 + \$5
No Rebuys
No add-ons

Porcello helps Red Sox beat Scherzer, Nationals 4-3

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rick Porcello hit a three-run double off former teammate Max Scherzer and pitched six effective innings, leading the Boston Red Sox to a 4-3 victory over the Washington Nationals on Monday night.

Porcello got his first career extra-base hit came in the second inning on a 0-2 pitch after the Nationals intentionally walked Jackie Bradley Jr. Porcello drove Scherzer's 96-mph fastball over the head of Juan Soto in left center for his first RBIs since 2009.

Scherzer and Porcello were teammates for five seasons with the Detroit Tigers.

Porcello (10-3) allowed two runs and seven hits. Craig Kimbrel got four outs for his 25th save.

Bryce Harper, Anthony Rendon and Daniel Murphy homered for the Nationals. Scherzer (10-5) struck out nine in six innings.

BRAVES 5, YANKEES 3, 11 INNINGS

NEW YORK (AP) — Ronald Acuna Jr. hit a two-run homer in the 11th inning that nicked the glove of a leaping Aaron Judge in right field, and the Braves beat the Yankees in a matchup of two of baseball's best teams.

Johan Camargo homered early and Jesse Biddle (2-0) pitched out of a late jam for the NL East leaders, who



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Rick Porcello (22) smiles after hitting a three run double during the second inning of a baseball game against the Washington Nationals at Nationals Park, Monday, July 2, 2018, in Washington.

Associated Press

earned their fourth consecutive victory. A.J. Minter got three outs for his fourth save.

The 20-year-old Acuna also doubled and drove in three runs, four years to the day after the touted rookie

signed with the Braves (49-34).

Judge hit his 23rd homer for the Yankees (54-28), and second in two nights. David Robertson (5-3) got the loss.

INDIANS 9, ROYALS 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)

— Francisco Lindor homered twice and drove in a career-high seven runs, powering Cleveland to the road win.

Indians ace Corey Kluber (12-4), who failed to make it out of the second inning

in his previous start at St. Louis, allowed three runs and seven hits in six innings. Lindor belted a grand slam in the fourth and a three-run shot in the sixth.

Whit Merrifield homered on Kluber's third pitch for his fourth career leadoff home run. Kansas City has lost 23 of their last 28 games.

Royals right-hander Jakob Junis (5-10) was tagged for nine runs, eight earned, and eight hits in 5 1/3 innings.

TIGERS 3, BLUE JAYS 2

TORONTO (AP) — Jose Iglesias hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the 10th inning, and the Tigers earned their second straight victory following a season-long 11-game losing streak.

Niko Goodrum tripled off Seunghwan Oh (4-3) with one out and scored the winning run when Iglesias followed with a fly ball to right.

Jeimer Candelario had three hits for the Tigers, who won the season series against the Blue Jays for the first time since 2013. Joe Jimenez (4-1) got the win despite giving up the tying run in the ninth.

After Buck Farmer gave up a leadoff single in the 10th, Blaine Hardy finished for his first career save.

Teoscar Hernandez had two hits for Toronto and drove in a run. Ryan Borucki allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings. □



In this Tuesday, June 12, 2018 file photo Washington Capitals Alex Ovechkin, from Russia, holds up the Stanley Cup trophy during the NHL hockey team's Stanley Cup victory celebration, at the National Mall in Washington.

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Alex Ovechkin is bringing the Stanley Cup to the World

Cup. Fresh off winning the NHL title, the Washington Capi-

Alex Ovechkin brings the Stanley Cup to the World Cup

tals forward is continuing his summer-long victory tour by taking the trophy to Moscow on Saturday, where it will be exhibited at a "fan fest" public viewing site ahead of Russia's quarterfinal game against Croatia.

Ovechkin wrote on Instagram, "Dear friends, I'll be happy to see everyone who wants to take a photo with the Stanley Cup."

Ovechkin was in his native Moscow on Sunday to see

Russia beat Spain on penalties in the round of 16 following a 1-1 draw after extra time.

The NHL veteran is hugely popular in Russia, where it's not uncommon to see fans wearing Capitals hats and other gear. He led the team to its first Stanley Cup in his 13th season after nine consecutive playoff appearances ended in disappointment.

The victory was emotional for Ovechkin, who brought

the cup back to Washington for an entertaining days-long celebration that included a keg stand, shirtless swimming in a fountain and posing with the cup in bed alongside his wife, Nastya.

He also threw out the first pitch at a Washington Nationals game — asking for and receiving a do-over — and greeted hundreds of thousands of fans during a parade along the National Mall. □

Molina drives in 3, Cardinals beat Diamondbacks 6-3

By The Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — Yadier Molina homered, Carlos Martinez pitched six effective innings and the Cardinals ended a four-game losing streak.

Molina hit a two-run single in the Cardinals' four-run first inning against Robbie Ray (3-1) and hit his 12th homer off the left-hander in the sixth.

Jedd Gyorko also homered and had two RBIs to end Ray's nine-game winning streak, dating to last season.

Martinez (5-4) allowed two runs and six hits. Bud Norris worked a perfect ninth for his 16th save.

Paul Goldschmidt had four hits and an RBI for the Diamondbacks, who have lost four straight.

ROCKIES 5, GIANTS 2

DENVER (AP) — Kyle Freeland turned in another sizzling start at Coors Field and Colorado scored the go-ahead run in the seventh on a throwing error by shortstop Brandon Crawford.

Freeland (8-6) settled in to go seven strong innings after surrendering a homer to Gorkys Hernandez on the first pitch of the game. It was Freeland's 12th quality start of the season.



St. Louis Cardinals' Yadier Molina connects for a two-run single against the Arizona Diamondbacks during the first inning of a baseball game Monday, July 2, 2018, in Phoenix.

Associated Press

Wade Davis worked his way around a one-out double by Buster Posey in the ninth for his 24th save. He struck out Crawford to end the game.

San Francisco ace Madison Bumgarner (1-3) was charged with three runs, two earned, and seven hits in six-plus innings.

BREWERS 6, TWINS 5, 10 INNING

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Brad Miller drew a bases-loaded walk in the 10th inning, sending Milwaukee to the

win. Nate Orf, playing in his first major league game, was hit by a pitch from Zack Littell (0-2) leading off the 10th. Manny Pina followed with a single and Keon Broxton walked.

Hernan Perez then bounced into a fielder's choice before Miller's walk ended the game.

Corey Knebel (2-0) pitched a scoreless 10th for the Brewers, who trailed 5-1 after Robbie Grossman hit his first career grand slam in

the fifth.

MARLINS 3, RAYS 2, 10 INNING

MIAMI (AP) — Yadiel Rivera's infield hit in the 10th inning scored Brian Anderson, lifting Miami to the victory. Anderson walked against Ryne Stanek (1-2) and took third on a single by J.T. Realmuto. Rivera, who entered as a defensive replacement in the ninth, then pulled a one-hopper up the line.

Third baseman Matt Duffy backhanded the ball and

double-clutched in foul territory before making a wild throw home, but the play was ruled a hit.

Tampa Bay has lost 21 one-run games, most in the majors.

Drew Rucinski (3-1) pitched a perfect 10th for the win.

REDS 5, WHITE SOX 3

CINCINNATI (AP) — Alex Blandino's double in the eighth inning completed Cincinnati's four-run rally.

The Reds loaded the bases with one out against Chris Volstad (1-5). Adam Duvall grounded to first baseman Matt Davidson, who was indecisive. He took several steps toward first before throwing home too late to get Scooter Gennett scoring from third base.

Billy Hamilton followed with a sacrifice fly that tied it at 3, and Blandino's pinch-hit double put the Reds in position for another comeback win. They've trailed in seven of their last 10 victories.

Dylan Floro (3-2) retired two in the eighth. Raisel Iglesias pitched the ninth for his 16th save in 18 chances.

DODGERS 17, PIRATES 1

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Matt Kemp tied a career high with five hits, Joc Pederson and Max Muncy hit back-to-back homers to highlight a six-run fourth inning, and Los Angeles routed Pittsburgh.

Kemp hit a three-run homer in the sixth and drove in four runs for the second straight game. He came up a triple shy of hitting for the cycle. Kemp also scored four runs.

Cody Bellinger homered in the third, leaving the Dodgers with 116 homers this season after they slugged a major league-leading and franchise record 55 in June. They already have five long balls two days into July.

Alex Wood (5-5) allowed one run and six hits in six innings. Caleb Ferguson pitched three innings to earn his first major league save on his 22nd birthday. Nick Kingham (3-3) gave up seven runs — five earned — and eight hits in three-plus innings.

Wimbledon

Continued from Page 18

That includes two-time champion Petra Kvitova, who was sent home by Aliaksandra Sasnovich of Belarus 6-4, 4-6, 6-0 a few hours before 2004 titlist Sharapova folded against Vitalia Diatchenko in a 6-7 (3), 7-6 (3), 6-4 loss she seemingly controlled time and again before dropping the last three games. "Sometimes," Sharapova said, "you put yourself in a better, or winning, position, and you don't finish."

A 15-month doping ban kept her out of the grass-court Grand Slam tournament in 2016, and an injury sidelined her a year ago. It looked as if it would



Rafael Nadal, of Spain, returns the ball to Dudi Sela, of Israel, during their men's singles match, on the second day of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Tuesday July 3, 2018.

Associated Press

be a pleasant, straightforward return when she went ahead by a set and a break at 5-2.

Sharapova then served for the match at 5-3, but faltered. After being pushed

to a third set, Sharapova went up a break at 2-1. That edge disappeared right away. She went up another break at 4-3. That advantage, too, was given right back. Sharapova's

collapse eventually ended, perhaps fittingly, with her 11th double-fault.

How unlikely was this result? Since losing the first two Grand Slam matches of her career as a teenager, Sharapova was 49-1 in openers at majors, 13-0 at Wimbledon.

She's a former No. 1, now seeded 24th, who owns five Grand Slam titles.

And Diatchenko?

Repeatedly sidetracked by injuries of one sort or another — "I think I will write a book after I finish playing," Diatchenko joked about her health history, even on a day she was visited by a trainer for groin and lower back issues — the 27-year-old Russian came in 0-2 at Wimbledon and 8-25 overall in main-draw matches at all tour-level events.

Warriors add a 5th All-Star in center DeMarcus Cousins

By JANIE McCAULEY

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — As he has long desired, DeMarcus Cousins will finally get a chance to play for a winner once he's healthy from a torn left Achilles tendon.

When Boogie returns to the court this season, the volatile big man will give the Golden State Warriors five 2018 All-Stars in their starting lineup to chase another title — with Cousins trying for his first after never appearing in the playoffs. The center, who has had his problems with technical fouls, will sign with the two-time defending champions after the moratorium period is lifted Friday, a person with direct knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press on Monday night. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the contract is yet to be completed.

Cousins is set to join a starting lineup of two-time MVP Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant, who is fresh off his second straight NBA Finals

MVP, Klay Thompson and Draymond Green.

"The 3rd splash Brother," Curry posted on Twitter with a series of happy crying emojis. "Let's go @boogiecousins."

Cousins' Pelicans lost to the Warriors in a five-game Western Conference semi-finals while Cousins was injured. The 27-year-old Cousins played in New Orleans for coach Alvin Gentry, a top assistant for Steve Kerr when the Golden State won the 2015 championship — the franchise's first title in 40 years — and still a close friend and confidant of Golden State's head coach.

Cousins tore his Achilles in late January and underwent surgery. He has posted regular updates on social media with the hash tags "The Resurgence" and "0 Doubt."

"I been grinding since a youngin in the trenches this ain't nothing new to me," he wrote last month on Twitter.

According to the Elias Sports Bureau, the Warriors



In this Jan. 10, 2018 file photo New Orleans Pelicans center DeMarcus Cousins (0) shoots a free throw in the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Memphis Grizzlies in Memphis, Tenn.

Associated Press

would be the first team since Boston in 1975-76 to play five All-Stars from the previous season at the same time. That group was Jo Jo White, Charlie Scott, Dave Cowens, Paul Silas and John Havlicek.

Durant has again agreed to a two-year deal with a player option to sign a more a lucrative contract next summer, which also provides the Warriors financial flexibility as general manager Bob Myers builds

the roster to go after another title. Golden State will play its final season at Oracle Arena in Oakland before a move to new Chase Center in San Francisco's Mission Bay neighborhood. The Warriors lost center JaVale McGee on Sunday to the Lakers, who landed LeBron James with a \$153.3 million, four-year contract as the NBA's free agency period began.

Green, for one, is a huge fan of Cousins.

"He's incredible. He can score the ball," Green said in January 2017 at Sacramento when Cousins was still with the Kings. "I think DeMarcus is the best center in the game. A lot of times people don't give him that credit. A part of it is they try to downplay his status because of his reputation or getting technical fouls or things like that. He is the best big man in the game hands down. It's always interesting to watch, interesting to play against, interesting to play with, because he's so incredibly talented." □

Team Sky fields impressive Tour lineup in support of Froome

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN

AP Sports Writer

After being cleared of doping, Chris Froome is ready "to make history" in France. Froome will be on the starting line of the Tour de France on Saturday in the western region of Vendee, aiming to join Jacques Anquetil, Eddy Merckx, Bernard Hinault and Miguel Indurain in the elite club of five-time champions of cycling's biggest race.

"The last twelve months have been the hardest but also the most incredible of my career," Froome said on Tuesday in a statement submitted by Team Sky, a day after cycling authorities cleared him of any wrongdoing despite an abnormal doping test result.

Froome has raced all season under the cloud of a potential ban after a urine

sample provided during his victory at the Spanish Vuelta in September showed a concentration of the asthma drug salbutamol that was twice the permitted level. The International Cycling Union ruled on Monday that his sample results did not constitute a breach to the anti-doping rules and closed all proceedings against the British rider.

The decision also meant Froome will be able to hold onto the Giro d'Italia trophy he won in May, which gave him three straight Grand Tour titles.

"I've never started the Tour de France after riding the Giro d'Italia, and it has meant a completely different approach to my season," Froome said. "But I learnt a lot from riding the Vuelta straight after the Tour de France last year,

which has given me confidence coming into this race."

Team Sky will again field a very strong team in support of Froome, including Egan Bernal, Jonathan Castroviejo, Michal Kwiatkowski, Gianni Moscon, Wout Poels, Luke Rowe and Geraint Thomas.

"I want to make history with a fifth Tour de France win and fourth consecutive Grand Tour," Froome said. "I am under no illusion about the challenge, but I am feeling ready and I couldn't ask for a better team to support me."

Aged 21, Bernal will make his Tour debut and will play a key role in helping Froome in the mountains alongside Poels and the experienced Castroviejo, who is also a strong climber. Kwiatkowski, a versatile former world



This Friday, July 21, 2017 file photo shows Britain's Chris Froome, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, as he leaves the team bus prior to the start of the nineteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 222.5 kilometers (138.3 miles) with start in Embrun and finish in Salon-de-Provence, France.

Associated Press

champion, was impressive last year in helping Froome to a fourth title in France, while Thomas can also aim for the yellow jersey if Froome can't live up to expectations. Moscon is also a Tour debutant who rode in support of Froome at the Vuelta last year.

"We go into the Tour with a lot of confidence. Chris is in great shape after the Giro,

mentally and physically, and the whole team wants to build on the success we had in Italy," Team Sky principal Dave Brailsford said. "Chris is already one of the greats of the sport. This is a chance for him to cement that reputation even further."

The Tour starts on Saturday from the island of Noirmoutier-en-l'Île. □



By Carlos Viana

A "pain in the neck" is an annoying person or thing. So where does the expression come from? Anybody who has or has had back pain will appreciate how tiresome this kind of pain can be. Allopathic physicians will order an x-ray, maybe even one of those fancy atomic medicine machines that show your insides in Technicolor™. And there "it" is, the offending vertebral disk, or pinched nerve. We have all these machines to measure, make visible, and give us objective information. Regrettably, from all this information no pathology can be inferred. What does that mean? Not even a radiologist, looking at the pictures of your body can determine how much pain you feel or that you have osteoporosis. Only a bone density test can determine your real status. You see, pain is a feeling and feelings cannot be measured objectively. What is going on here? Allopathic doctors can only look for structural problems to explain your back pain.

Complimentary or integrative physicians, noting an absence of structural problems look at the energetic map of your body to determine the origin of your back pain. For us no part of your body exists in isolation. Every tooth in your body is energetically connected to an organ, a joint, a vertebra, a feeling, a season, even to a color. So, every vertebra of your spine and its disks are also associated to many different parts of your body. This association is the "science" of complimentary medicine.

Pain in the Neck

To pinpoint exactly where the energy is being blocked is the "art" of my job. Let's take a look at two areas of common back pain.

The first is, literally, a pain in the neck. People who wake up with stiff necks thinking they have slept "wrong" the night before. Sometimes, the neck stiffness is so pronounced these people have to turn their shoulders to see something at their side. When I start asking about their stomach they look confused. "Well, yes, doctor, I have frequent heartburn, but I am here for my neck".

They are relieved when one acupuncture treatment using only two or four needles greatly loosens and relieves the pain, and confused again when we send them off with a blood test to check their stomach. Helicobacter pylori bacteria and another common virus – Rotavirus are some of the biggest stomach problems we see in our clinic. If the stomach is blocked, nothing moves smoothly causing a block above leading to stiff necks and shoulders. If your blood type is A and you frequently suffer from a stiff neck, your deficient stomach acid is causing the problem. What your neck needs more than a physical therapist is a Clinical Nutritionist.

Perhaps the most common lower back problem involves the vertebra lumbar 4 and 5. Allopathic surgeons recommend back operations for L4/ L5 back pain, even though the outcome is much less than satisfactory.

Energy physicians, do not loose sight that the hypo-gastric plexus nerve that exits the spinal column at L4/L5 commands the colon, bladder, rectum, and genital organs. Those of you who are now saying "Aha, we should look at these organs for problems" would make good complementary physicians. But let me make this exercise more

challenging by asking; what if after checking the organs you hear the line from your regular doctor, "the tests show everything is alright".

You have come to a dead- end on your road of recovery back to health.

When the tests show no apparent problem, and the organs are well within energetic values, then we turn our attention to the mental and emotional body.

In Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) the organs that are controlled by the hypo-gastric plexus nerve are organs of elimination. If we are having no problems in our physical elimination organs we look at the emotional aspect of elimination, which is "letting go" of past emotional traumas.

For our bodies of energy, emotional pain equals physical pain.

The absence of any physical elimination organ problem has to be resolved by allowing ourselves, to "let go" of that specific emotional trauma. Holding on to this emotional pain can produce an energetic block that causes pain in vertebra L4 and L5.

All physical pain includes an emotional trauma history. To find relief for lower back pain of an emotional nature the patient does not need to completely resolve the issue, but for healing to start to take place the trauma needs to be acknowledged.

Get the Point! Things in life are nearly never as simple as the experts tell you. Back, neck and sholder pain, like other body pains are messages trying to tell us that part of our body needs attention.

Acupuncture treatments facilitate the release of energy blocks causing the pain and many times will help you release the corresponding emotional blocks. This is true healing.□

Gift Certificates
Healthy Products

M-Sat at Kibaima 7
(St. Cruz, opposite the Drive-in)
walk-ins welcome

www.vianaheal.com
info@vianaheal.com

Dr. Carlos Viana
Oriental Medicine, Clinical Nutrition, Colon Hydro Therapy

Need a Whole Body Make-Over? TEL: 585-1270

Pain & Inflammation – Sleep – Stress - Allergies – Stomach Problems, PMS,
Menopause, Chronic colds & flu – Fertility, natural Pregnancy, Post-partum – Addiction
(Alcohol, street & legal Drugs, Gambling, Sex, WEIGHT CONTROL) – AGE Management

Visit
Aruba's
Barefoot
Doctor

Viana

HEALING CENTER

ALCAT * Toxic Heavy Metals, Amino Acids
* Food & Chemical Sensitivity Testing
* Specialized Hormone Testing

Take Home PARADISE

**Available at local
Bookstores & Gift shops
Paperback & EBook on amazon**

Need a loan? Advice? Many business owners give staffers help

By JOYCE M. ROSENBERG

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Want a loan? Advice? When an employee needs help, many small business owners are comfortable mixing the personal with the professional and willingly provide some support.

J. Colin Petersen has assisted staffers in a variety of ways: extra cash, lawyer recommendations, loaning a personal car, taking employees to doctor appointments and replacing a stolen smartphone. And, "just listening to the anxieties of any of my team members that need a sympathetic ear or advice about how to handle a problem."

Petersen, president of information technology company J - I.T. Outsource, believes that if he helps his 12 full-time employees when they're wrestling with a problem, their performance — and in turn, his Fresno, California-based company — will benefit.

Many small business owners take an interest in their employees because they want a friendly or even family-feeling atmosphere, unlike the ambience of a big corporation. They also want staffers to feel appreciated as people, not just as workers, and know that employees who are treated well are less likely to leave. But employment law attorneys and human resources consultants advise owners to strike a balance — there can be unintended consequences when a boss is too friendly or too generous.

Nicole and Dennis Drake are mindful that the employees of their two Tropical Smoothie Cafe franchises are high school and college students who can use a little guidance about work and life. The couple asks staffers at the stores in Gainesville and Ashburn, Virginia, about school, what subjects they're taking, how they're doing. Nicole Drake, who describes herself as a math nerd, offers help with homework and makes sure that working at the stores doesn't interfere with school assign-



In this Friday, June 29, 2018, photo, Nicole and Dennis Drake, co-owners of Tropical Smoothie Cafe franchises in Gainesville and Ashburn, Va.

ments.

"This job is not your last stop, so there's no way your grades should suffer," she tells her young staffers. And when they're ready to move on, she lends a hand with resumes. The Drakes also have helped with extracurricular activities, including fundraising in memory of a young woman who killed herself who had been a friend of one employee.

"When you've got a team, you want to do what's right," Nicole Drake says.

Owners need to be sure that their compassion, especially if it comes in the form of loans, gifts or other benefits, is available to all staffers. Showing favoritism can make an owner liable if an employee who felt discriminated against sues the company.

Employers should also have objective criteria they follow when they're offering help, says Nannina Angioni, an employment law attorney with Kaedian LLP in Los Angeles. For example, if they're willing to lend money for medical bills, they can't decide to offer it for one kind of illness but not another.

Angioni also recommends against handing out personal advice — someone who didn't have the boss's ear could later retaliate.

"You can comfort someone, but don't get into details," Angioni says.



Editor

Caribbean Speed Printers N.V.
Aruba Bank N.V. Acc. #332668
Caribbean Mercantile Bank N.V.
Acc. #23951903
RBC Royal Bank Acc. #1330772

Assistant Director

Xiomara Arends

Editor in Chief

Linda Reijnders

(linda.reijnders@cspnv.com)

Editor

Richard Brooks

Sales

Linda Reijnders

(linda.reijnders@cspnv.com)

Marijke Croes

Mary-Ann Oduber

Classifieds

Rachelle Danje

(rachelle.danje@cspnv.com)

Distribution and Collection

accounting@bondia.com

Social / Website

Jeancarlo Trinidad

Weststraat 22

T: 528-7800

E: news@arubatoday.com

W: www.arubatoday.com

@arubatoday

Associated Press

Owners need to create a balance, says Jay Starkman, CEO of human resources provider Engage PEO, based in Hollywood, Florida.

"While you want to be ap-

proachable, you want to create a collegial atmosphere," Starkman says. He suggests that if employees come into the owner's office and start to unburden themselves, the boss can listen, but set a time limit. And if staffers seem to need advice or support, connect them with an employee assistance program for free counseling.

But always act humanely: "You don't want your place of employment to become this sterile, nobody-can-talk-to-each-other, horrible place to be," Starkman says.

The staffers at Samantha Martin's public relations firm tend to be young people newly arrived in New York who find they have big bills to pay and don't have family nearby. So she's loaned employees money to get an apartment or pay for dental work, and given others advice about personal problems. She can't afford big corporate benefits, but these are things she can do. □

Extend your stay at

All Fully Furnished w/Kitchen, Airco, Cable Tv, FREE WIFI (in and outside rooms). Swimming Pool, Gym, Library, Laundry Room & BBQ Sets. Less than 1 mile from Eagle Beach & 4 Large Supermarkets. Feel Free to contact or visit us. Mon-Fri: 8am - 7pm. Sat & Sun: 9am - 5pm. Worldwide calls: (297)-582-0697
Calls from USA & Canada: 1-888-415-1095 (toll free)
Calls from The Netherlands: 085-009-0218 (toll free)
Schotlandstraat 70, Oranjestad, Aruba
Email: quality@setarnet.aw
Website: www.arubaqualityapartments.com

Modern 3 bedroom/2 bath home
Land lot: 639 m2 (6879 sq ft)
Build up Area: 156 m2 (1658 sq ft)

- Nice, Peaceful Neighborhood at Pavia Park, Paradera
- Only about 15 minutes from the Beach
- Built on Property Land
- Cozy Gazebo Area
- Landscaped back patio for entertainment or relaxing
- Pool in the back patio, perfect for the sun lover

Perfect for Retirement or a Vacation Home
Great Return as an Investment Rental Property
Asking Price: US\$ 356,200.00 Awg 650,000.00
Call me for a viewing:

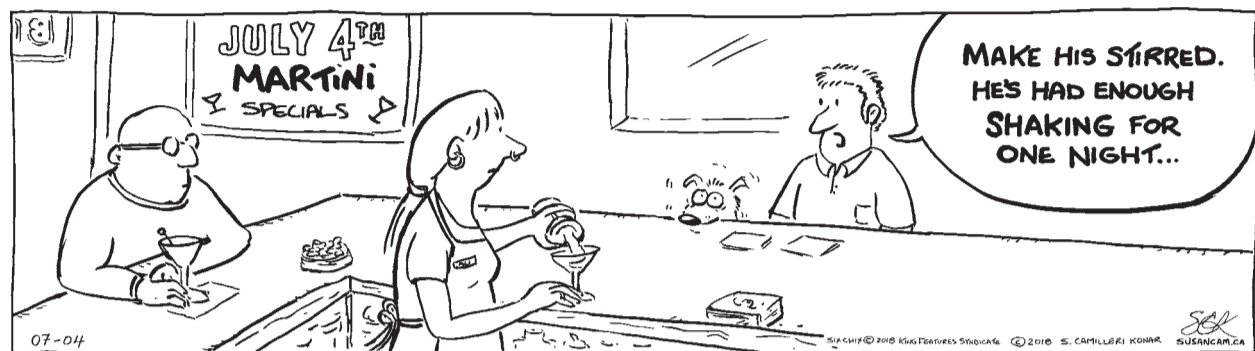
Jennifer van der Biezen
call: 297 6609040
jen@bestbuyrealt yaruba.com

Best Buy REALTY
Your Dream...Our Target
www.bestbuyrealt yaruba.com

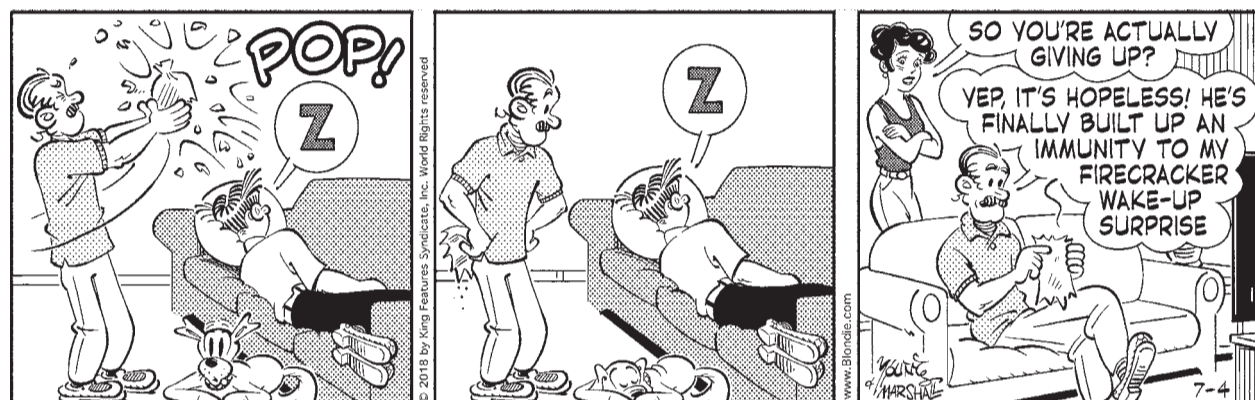
Mutts



6 Chix



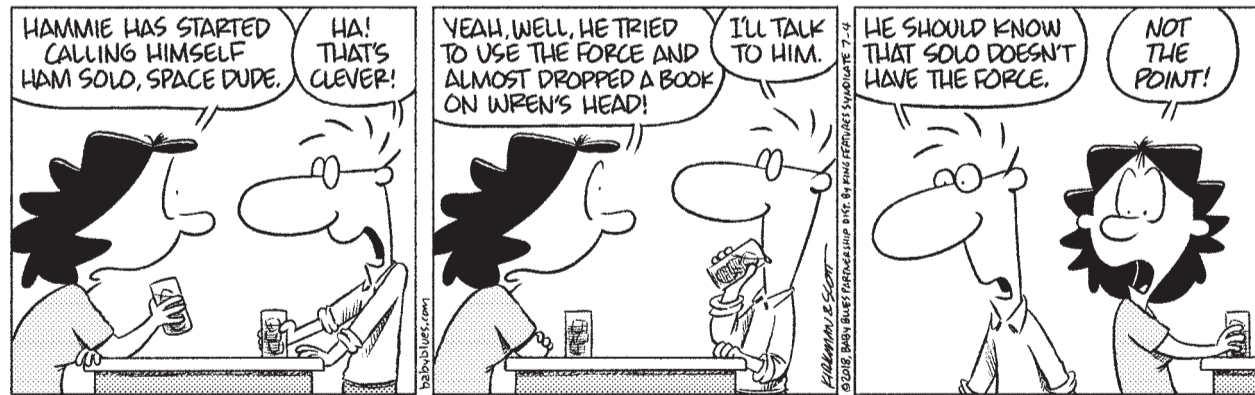
Blondie



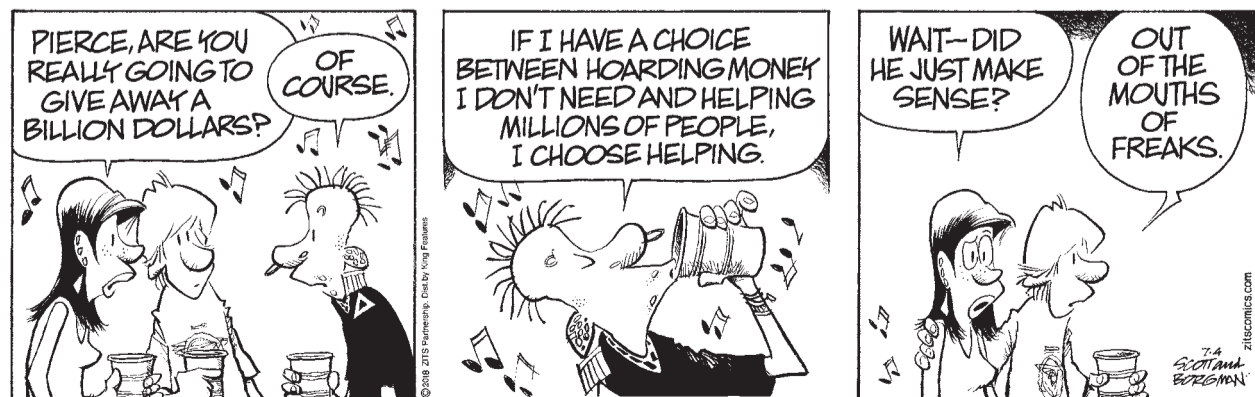
Mother Goose & Grimm



Baby Blues



Zits



Conceptis Sudoku

	1	9			6	3	5	7
8			1		5			2
3			4					8
7			5					1
	8	1	6				3	
			2				9	
			3			1		
			7			2		
	2	3				5		

Difficulty Level ★★★

7/04

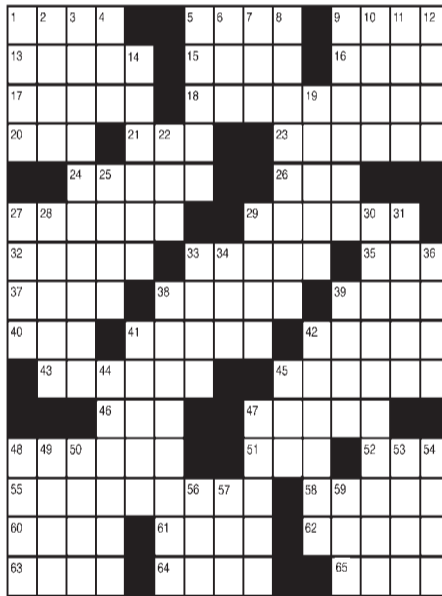
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

2	5	9	1	3	4	6	8	7
4	6	8	7	2	9	1	3	5
7	1	3	6	8	5	2	4	9
8	3	5	4	6	2	7	9	1
6	9	4	3	1	7	8	5	2
1	2	7	9	5	8	3	6	4
5	7	2	8	4	3	9	1	6
3	4	6	2	9	1	5	7	8
9	8	1	5	7	6	4	2	3

ACROSS

- Begged
- Grand __; four-run homer
- Command to a steed
- Great quantity, slangily
- Island dance
- __ around; linger
- See eye to eye
- In __; alive
- Trawler's need
- Tie the knot
- Made wood smooth
- Pays attention
- Opening trio
- Back teeth
- Shining
- Haywire
- Mid-afternoon
- Corn on the __
- Monthly expense
- Weaving frames
- Factual
- __ McMuffin; McDonald's offering
- Half-quarts
- Antlered animal
- Valuables
- Evening meal
- Prefix for view or heat
- Swamp
- Iced pastry
- "Cat __ Hot Tin Roof"
- "__ to a Nightingale"
- Quack
- Can wrapper
- Sharpen
- Winter wrap
- Offend those close by
- Was in the red
- Slangy affirmative
- Floor pads



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

7/4/18

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

KAT	SPADE	ODDS
EXES	POLES	DEAL
YEAH	ASSET	DANA
DRUGSTORE	EDGY	
TOMS	ESS	
AGREES	REMITTED	
PLAYS	FOYER	EAR
RACE	MEWED	TRUE
IRK	KATES	HERDS
LESSENED	MELEES	
AND	HALL	
TALC	IMPENDING	
OMAR	BEING	NEED
BONE	LANCE	GATE
EKED	ENTER	TAN

©2018 Tribune Content Agency, LLC All Rights Reserved.

7/4/18

DOWN

- TV's "Man with a __"
- Part of a theater

- Those visited by Martians
- FDR, HST, __, JFK...
- Gets rid of
- Bar soap brand
- Boxer
- Muhammad
- Rubs
- From what place
- __ over; deliver
- __ more; again
- Over-the-hill
- Tailors
- Piece of furniture
- Ames and Asner
- Vane direction
- Female animal
- Greek letter
- Upper limbs
- Fear of heights
- Small rodent
- Truck scale divisions
- Sweltering
- Bar order
- Ability to read and write

- Surpasses
- Risk
- Wall paintings
- Showed mercy to
- Diego
- May, for one
- Repeated sound
- Army meal
- Path
- Fender ding
- BPOE folks
- Gout site
- Battery size
- Source of quick cash, for short

BUY ARUBA
TimeShares.com
Private Owner Sales

WE SELL RENT & BUY

Visit our website:
www.buyarubatimeshares.com
www.rentarubatimeshares.com

Contact us for more listings
Call 7373006
info@buyarubatimeshares.com

SPECIALS OF THE WEEK

Renaissance:
Wk 37, Unit 2332 \$3,500
3rd Floor/Harbor View
Wk 38, Unit 2503 \$3,500
5th Floor/Pool View

La Cabana:
Wk 37, Unit 214C \$2,000
Wk 52, Unit 229C \$5,000

Renaissance SPECIAL DEALS!!

Wk 23, Unit 2326 \$3,750
3rd Floor/Harbor View
Wk 24, Unit 2505 \$3,750
5th Floor/Ocean View
Wk 26, Unit 2120 \$2,950
1st Floor/Harbor View
Wk 27, Unit 2120 \$2,950
1st Floor/Harbor View

Wk 27, Unit 2146 \$6,000
1st Floor/Ocean View
Wk 27, Unit 2535 \$3,000
5th Floor/Pool View

Wk 29, Unit 2517 \$4,500
5th Floor/Pool&Ocean View
Wk 29, Unit 2524 \$6,500
5th Floor/Harbor View

Wk 32, Unit 2509 \$5,750
5th Floor/Pool&Ocean View
Wk 32, Unit 2332 \$3,500
3rd Floor/Harbor View

Wk 33, Unit 2332 \$3,500
3rd Floor/Harbor View
Wk 34, Unit 2121 \$5,000
1st Floor/Pool View

Wk 34, Unit 2123 \$5,000
1st Floor/Pool View
Wk 34, Unit 2515 \$3,750
5th Floor/Pool View

Wk 35, Unit 2120 \$4,000
Ground Floor/Harbour View
Wk 35, Unit 2315 \$3,500
3rd Floor/Pool View

Wk 35, Unit 2349 \$6,500
3rd Floor/Ocean Front
Wk 38, Unit 2503 \$2,750
5th Floor/Ocean Front

La Cabana

Wk 27, Unit 114 b/c \$5,000
Pool View
Wk 28, Unit 112 b/c \$5,000
Pool View

Wk 30 Unit 227A \$4000
Wk 33, Unit 213C \$4,000
Garden View
Wk 35, Unit 140C/226C \$5,000
Pool View

Divi

Divi Dutch Village
Wk 9, Unit 14 \$10,000
Divi Dutch Village
Wk 17, Unit 138 \$5,000

Divi Dutch Village
Wk 19, Unit 72 \$4,000 OBO
Divi Phoenix/Ocean View
Wk 6, Unit 706 \$15,000

Divi Village: Very motivated seller
Week 43, Unit 7206, \$3,500
(Old price \$7,250)

Beachfront Deluxe Studio, Ocean View

Costa Linda

Wk 25, Unit 5018 \$12,000
Wk 25, Unit 5016 \$12,000
Wk 29, Unit 1 \$12,000

Casa del Mar

Wk 34 Unit 1428 \$2,500
Pool View
Tropicana

Wk 29, Unit 1543 \$2,750
1 Bedroom
Wks 29-32, Unit 5557 \$4,000 ea wk
Wk 32, Unit 3526 \$6,000

Occidental

Wk 52 & Wk 1, 1 Bedr \$50,000 for both
Wk 7, \$35,000 2 Bedr
La Quinta

Wk 33/34 Unit 102 \$5,000
1 Bedroom
SAVE \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Contact us for more listings
Call 7373006
info@buyarubatimeshares.com

Sun Plaza Business Center
L.G. Smith Blvd. 160 – Suite 125
Oranjestad, Aruba

www.buyarubatimeshares.com

Classifieds

ASSOCIATED REALTORS

For Sale

family house with three bedrooms and two bathrooms situated at Washington on property land and for \$205,000
Call Mito at 593 6318

209684

ASSOCIATED REALTORS

For Sale

Lot of land at Palm Beach measuring 1015 m2 in a quiet area, walking distance to the highrise hotels and the beach and for \$97,000.00
Call Mito 593 6318

209684

ASSOCIATED REALTORS

For Sale

Turn key house in Kamay/Noord, 3 bedrooms/ 2.5 bath-rooms, pool, fenced, garden and for \$393,000.00
Call Mito at 593 6318

209684

Psychic Riley

let me help solve your problems in love marriage finance career and family with immediate results
Call 001 747271 9899
wyattearp14@sbcglobal.net

209659

T- Share Resales

Local Experts 32 years experience
Want 2 sell yours now?

*Free Appraisal

*Free Listing

*Free Marketing

*Sure Sale!

Call now :630-1307

johnnypaesch@gmail.com

209690

Special of the Week

Marriott Renaissance Suites

1 BR WK 35 Room #2535
Pool/ Ocean View \$3500
Marriott Ocean Club
1 BR Gold OV \$ 4K
2 BR Gold OV \$7 ,5K
Call: 630-1307
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

Aruba Divi Phoenix

Studio WK 27 Ground Floor in the Villas with 18 weeks remain on the contract \$ 6 K
2 BR Lock Off WK # 27 Room #861/862

32 weeks remain \$10K
Studio WK 28 Room #862
32 weeks remain \$6 K
Call;630-1307
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

Marriott Surf Club

2 BR Gold Garden View \$5K
Divi Links
1 Br 2 Bath Wk 30 Room # 4226
29 weeks remain \$5.5K
Divi Village
2 BR Penthouse Wk 29 Room #3509
18 weeks remain \$ 12K
Call:630-1307
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

House For Sale

Esmeralda 4 Bed, 3 Bath swimming Pool \$420K
Pos Abow 3 Bed, 3 Bath swimming pool \$350 K
Ponton 3 Bed, 2 Bath Swimming Pool \$350K
Opal 2 Bed, 1 Bath 1 apartment
Walk to Palm Beach \$225K
Call; 630-1307
johnnypaesch@gmail.com

FOR SALE/RENT

Great Deal Beautiful House

Bakval 16G
Reduced from U\$595.000 now U\$449.000 4 rooms, modern kitchen, apartment, pool
2 blocks Ritz/ Marriott hotels furnished, closed garage
US\$3.500 p/ month
(507)67277101
mg25cardenas@gmail.com

209689



Marriott Aruba Surf Club

GOLD Season

2B Oceanfront \$14k
2B Oceanside \$8000
GV \$4k OV \$7k
3BEDRM \$13k

PLATINUM Season

2B Oceanfront \$25k
Oceanside \$16k
Oceanview \$15k
3BEDROM \$25k
*WK. 51 OV \$42k
*WK 52 OV \$48k
* Weeks 7 and 14-all views

Marriott Aruba Ocean Club

GOLD Season

2B Oceanfront \$14k
2B OV \$8000
1 Bed \$6000

PLATINUM Season

2 Bed OV \$16500
2B Oceanfront \$25k
1B OV \$10k

** Destination points \$9 per point

La Cabana Beach Resort
Weeks 30-33, 46-49 + More
+ Divi Resorts Weeks for Sale.
** Preferred Resale Company

We Need Sellers!!!
Costa Linda & Playa Linda
& All Divi Weeks

We are the #1
Rental Timeshare
agent for Aruba!

We also RENT Aruba weeks for owners, Contact us to BUY, SELL or RENT any timeshare property.

Contact:
julie@conciergerealty.com
888-888-2204 Ext 111

Website:
www.conciergerealty.com



HEALTH

Hospital
527 4000
Imsan- San Nicolas
524 8833

DOCTOR ON DUTY

Oranjestad

Dr. Alvarez Tel. 583 9119

San Nicolas

Dr. Britt-Croes Tel. 584 1984

PHARMACY ON DUTY

Oranjestad:

Eagle Tel. 587 9011
San Nicolas
Aloe Tel. 584 4606

OTHER

Dental Clinic 587 9850
Blood Bank Aruba
Tel. 587 0002
Mobility Equip . Gire
Tel. 568 5165

EMERGENCY

Police	100
Oranjestad	527 3140
Noord	527 3200
Sta. Cruz	527 2900
San Nicolas	584 5000
Police Tipline	11141
Ambulancia	
Fire Dept.	115
Red Cross	582 2219

TAXI SERVICES

Taxi Tas	587 5900
Prof. Taxi	588 0035
Taxi D.T.S.	587 2300
Taxi Serv. Aruba	583 3232
A1 Taxi Serv.	280 2828

TRAVEL INFO

Aruba Airport	524 2424
American Airlines	582 2700
Avianca	588 0059
Aruba Airlines	583 8300
Jet Blue	588 2244
Surinam	582 7896
Venezolana	583 7674

CRUISES



July 4
Monarch
Freedom of the Seas

AID FOUNDATIONS

FAVI- Visually Incapacitated
Tel. 582 5051

Alcoholics Anonymous
Tel. 736 2952

Narcotics Anonymous
Tel. 583 8989

Women in Difficulties
Tel. 583 5400

Centre for Diabetes
Tel. 524 8888

Child Abuse Prevention
Tel. 582 4433

Quota Club Tel. 525 2672

General Info

Phone Directory Tel. 118



Honeybees finding it harder to eat at America's bee hot spot

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bees are having a much harder time finding food in the region known as America's last honeybee refuge, a new federal study found.

The country's hot spot for commercial beekeeping is the Northern Great Plains of the Dakotas and neighboring areas, where more 1 million colonies spend their summer feasting on pollen and nectar from nearby wildflowers and other plants.

But from 2006 to 2016, more than half the conservation land within a mile of bee colonies was converted into agriculture, usually row crops such as soybeans and corn, said the study's lead author Clint Otto of the U.S. Geological Survey. Those crops hold no food for bees.

For more than a decade, bees and other pollinators in America have been dwindling in numbers because of a variety of problems, including poor nutrition, pesticides, parasites and disease. And outside experts said this study highlights another problem that affects the health of bees.



This June 2015 photo provided by The Ohio State University shows a bee on a flower in Southwest Minnesota.

This area — which Otto called "America's last honeybee refuge" — lost about 629 square miles (1,630 square kilometers) of prime bee habitat, according to the study published Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

And bees that have a hard time finding food are less likely to survive the winter, Otto said. They may not be

hungry, he said, but they aren't healthy either.

John Miller, in his 49th year as a North Dakota commercial beekeeper, said the Dakotas and Minnesota were once the last best place for bees. "Now they are the least worst," he said.

Miller, whose business was started in 1894 by his great-grandfather, has watched the average

colony honey production drop from 120 pounds per hive 30 years ago to about 50 pounds now. But the price has gone up five-fold, and beekeepers like Miller are getting paid to truck their bees to California to pollinate crops there, mostly almonds.

The federal government pays farmers to keep some land wild and that benefits bees that feast

on grasslands, flowers and weeds, Otto said. But the conservation program has a cap on how much land it will pay for — and during the ethanol boom, farmers found they could make more money in corn and soybeans.

"Commercial beekeepers are scrambling to try to find places to take their bees when they are not in a crop requiring pollination," U.S. Department of Agriculture bee researcher Diana Cox-Foster, who was not part of the study, said in an email. "The conservation lands of the Northern Great Plains were a go-to spot," she wrote.

More than one-third of America's commercial colonies spend summer in the Northern Great Plains. The area east of the Dakotas is too developed, and the weather to the west is too dry, Otto said.

Bees are crucial pollinators for more than 90 percent of the nation's flowering crops, including apples, nuts, avocados, broccoli, peaches, blueberries and cherries.

"Without honeybees," Otto said, "our dinner plate looks a lot less colorful." □

Associated Press

Bali volcano hurls lava and ash, airport unaffected

DENPASAR, Indonesia

(AP) — The Mount Agung volcano on the Indonesian tourist island of Bali erupted Monday evening, ejecting a 2,000-meter-high (6,560-foot-high) column of thick ash and hurling lava down its slopes.

The Indonesian geological agency's Agung monitoring post said explosions from the mountain began just after 9 p.m. and lasted more than 7 minutes. "Flares of incandescent

lava" reached 2 kilometers (1.2 miles) from the crater, it said, setting fire to forests at high elevation on the mountain.

Nearly 700 people fled Banjar Galih village, about 6 kilometers (3.7 miles) from the crater, to an evacuation center, said a resident, Ketut Budi.

"I saw smoke rising and the volcano rumbled very loud," he said. "We came here with motorcycles and those with cars helped

carry other people."

It was the volcano's first explosive eruption since a dramatic increase in activity last year that temporarily forced the evacuation of tens of thousands of people.

The alert status for Agung has not been raised from its current second-highest level and the exclusion zone around the crater remains at 4 kilometers (2.5 miles).

National Disaster Mitigation

Agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said the explosions Monday night were "thunderous" and hurled white hot rocks from the crater.

The volcano was periodically erupting ash Tuesday, which was drifting west. The island's airport, to the south, was still operating normally.

Bali's international airport closed for half a day on Friday because of volcanic ash from Agung, disrupting

travel for tens of thousands. The island is set to host World Bank and International Monetary Fund meetings in October.

Monday's eruption was "strombolian," the geological agency said, which is the mildest type of explosive volcanic eruption. It warned people living near rivers to exercise caution, particularly in wet weather, because of the risk of fast-moving flows of muddy volcanic debris. □

The First & Only Legal One on Aruba Since 1997

WE SERVICE MEN, WOMEN & COUPLES

IN & OUT CALL FREE PICKUP

Yap Yum Escort Service

24 Hours Straight Service
7 Days a Week ANYTIME

Call 561-7777

GFE Available upon request

Safe Tours to the Red light District with private guide: A 3 Hours tour

Honey Dolls

MASSAGE AND ESCORT SERVICE

Beautiful Latin Girls

Pick-up & Delivery

Serving Men - Couple - Women - All Genders

Bachelor Party Specialized, the best in the Caribbean

Call: 565-9535

Chanel recreates Paris for couture show celebrating the city

By THOMAS ADAMSON

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Paris — the City of Light, lovelocks and the Seine River — was the backdrop Tuesday in Chanel's sublime couture collection that showed designer Karl Lagerfeld is still at the top of his game at 84.

Penelope Cruz, Pharrell Williams and Lily Allen applauded after the cinematic runway display in which the French fashion house painstakingly recreated a Parisian cityscape — all inside the nave of the Grand Palais.

No detail was spared: from the padlocks on the famed Pont des Arts bridge to the surrounding riverside booksellers (with Chanel-themed literature), to thick city stones and the majestic domed French Academy.

But this fall-winter season, couture was the true star of the show. Here are some highlights from Tuesday's collections.

CHANEL'S PARISIAN HEIGHTS

Mirroring the nostalgic Parisian decor, Chanel's 67 accomplished looks came in the colors of the city.



Models wear creations for the Chanel Haute Couture Fall-Winter 2018/2019 fashion collection presented Tuesday, July 3, 2018 in Paris.

Associated Press

Light gray evoked zinc rooftops, almond green for historic building roofs, anthracite for roads and gold and silver — so said the program — for "reflections of the moon in the rippling Seine."

Pinks and mauves reflected sunrise; black and deep navy, the night. White and beige captured the French capital's annoyingly changeable weather.

The myriad interlocking crystal embroideries, meanwhile, were said to mirror cobblestones and netted tulle, embroidered with gold, evoked lovers' padlocks on the Pont des Arts (that were famously banned by Paris authorities).

These poetical explanations were nice but unnecessary for a collection that didn't need any gimmicks

to impress. Lagerfeld raised the bar this season — and it was the inspired sleeve silhouette that did it.

Sleeves flapped and unfurled in a unique bell shape achieved thanks to an open zipper up the arm. It possessed a fresh sporty-meets-regal air.

The unfurling shape moved down the body into long split skirts with open panels at the sides, and another

skirt underneath.

Folded cuff boots furthered this unfurling dynamic, as the cuff opened out of the shoe stylishly — in black, white, gray or embroidered sequins.

LILY ALLEN ON FEMALE EMPOWERMENT

British singer Lily Allen, who called Chanel's couture "incredible" and sported new platinum tresses, also spoke about female empowerment to The Associated Press amid the Time's Up and #MeToo movements. The feminist 33-year-old said she has "impostor syndrome" regarding her fame and still finds it "hard to accept" being successful as a woman. She added: "maybe it's a societal thing, or maybe it's something we internalize from a young age."

Allen also expressed skepticism about the effectiveness of online pro-women campaigns.

"There's 'Instagram empowerment' and it's not really very real ... The more we become so focused on the visual aspect of women, we lose the value of everything else ... it can't be a hashtag thing," she said. □

Gorillaz resurface quickly with very mixed new album

By MARK KENNEDY

Gorillaz, "The Now Now" (Warner Bros.)

Is there really another Gorillaz album out? We were actually still trying to digest last year's overstuffed "Humanz." And shouldn't we be wary of a new release so close to that 26-song project?

After spending time with "The Now Now," the answer is yes — yes, indeed. The 11-track collection includes some of Gorillaz's funkiest riffs and also some of the weakest tunes in the band's catalog.

"The Now Now" has basically two speeds — up-tempo, synth-washed EDM and maudlin, half-thought-out ballads. The band's signature approach — dizzying levels of collaboration with cool guests — isn't present



This cover image released by Warner Bros. shows "The Now Now," a release by Gorillaz.

Associated Press

here. Other than George Benson, Jamie Principle and Snoop Dogg, the Rolo-dex is thin.

That thinness isn't apparent with the album opener, "Humility," a blissed-out summer jam enlivened by Benson's funky guitar work. Snoop Dogg also returns to Gorillaz for a terrifically slinky portrait of "Hollywood." And on the high-tempo "Sorcererz," lead singer Damon Albarn's vocal effects make him sound like an old blues legend. Another standout is the mostly instrumental "Lake Zurich," a disco throwback with some of the best cowbell ever recorded in this century. Seriously.

But it's not clear what the poor state of Idaho did to deserve "Idaho," a turgid, overwrought mess. "Kansas" seems like it was written

in 10 minutes while absent-mindedly waiting for a bus, and "Fire Flies" manages to be both clumsy and bland. "One Percent" is virtually unlistenable while "Magic City" is lazy and reveals the limits of Albarn's natural voice.

Gorillaz manage to right this sinking ship by the last song, "Souk Eye," which melds a good beat and interesting sonic textures with smoky vocals. Nice, but it's too late for a messy album. (Albarn seems to concede this notion, singing at one point, "Everything that follows, I'm not responsible for.")

"The Now Now" will test even die-hard fans and reveal that the endless gimmickry from the so-called world's first virtual band can eventually grate. □

'Ant-Man and The Wasp' punches above its weight

By JAKE COYLE

Not since Animal against the advice of Dr. Bunsen Honeydew and Beaker ingested Insta-Growth pills has a movie had as much fun with scale as "Ant-Man and The Wasp."

Among the greatest threats to the shape-shifting heroes of the Marvel sequel are windshield wipers, salt shakers and seagulls. This is surely the first movie to weaponize that most fearsome of terrors: a giant Hello Kitty Pez dispenser. In one of the film's finest moments, a loud, careening chase culminates in a dramatic fall into the ocean sounded not with an explosive splash but with a tiny ripple and a "Plink!"

In both scale and ambition, "Ant-Man and The Wasp" is an altogether more modest affair, and it's so much the better for it. Most Marvel movies strenuously insist on how much they matter — how much a carefully stitched together comic-book apparatus hangs in the balance — with only an occasional aside to acknowledge their inherent



This image released by Marvel Studios shows Paul Rudd in a scene from "Ant-Man and the Wasp." Associated Press

silliness. But slapstick is in the DNA of "Ant-Man and

The Wasp."

For some Marvel devotees, "Ant-Man and The Wasp" will be a clever enough diversion in between the more main-event releases. But it's pretty much exactly what I'd want in a superhero movie: a funny cast, zippy action scenes and not an infinity stone in sight. The Marvel product has, it should be noted, grown more dynamic and varied in recent years. But if you're not going to reach the mythic heights of "Black Panther," the light-hearted antics of "Ant-Man and The Wasp" are your next-best bet. As different as they are, the two films have one crucial thing in common: No outer space.

Just as "Black Panther" styled itself after a spy thriller, "Ant-Man" takes from the heist movie. The first installment in 2015 was a somewhat muddled franchise debut, thanks to a late director shuffle. Peyton Reed, who took over production on the first one, is back here, and he has carved out a real identity for Paul Rudd's character,

among the most self-contained in Marvel's "cinematic universe."

And more than its predecessor, "Ant-Man and The Wasp" has adopted the goofball charm of its leading man. Coming a few years after "Ant-Man," Rudd's Scott Lang is now under house arrest for his involvement in the Berlin showdown of "Captain America: Civil War." When his 10-year-old daughter Cassie (Abby Ryder Fortson) isn't around, he passes the time playing drums and learning magic tricks. With just days to go before Randall Park's S.H.I.E.L.D. agent is to remove Lang's monitoring device, he's summoned by the brains behind their last adventure: Dr. Hank Pym (a sometimes in-the-way Michael Douglas) and Pym's daughter Hope van Dyne (Evangeline Lilly), whose winged Ant-Man-like suit has earned her the Wasp moniker.

Pym believes his wife, Janet (Michelle Pfeiffer) has for the last 30 years been locked away in the "quantum realm," a mind- and

matter-bending subatomic limbo that, it turns out, has predictably done curiously little damage to the indestructible Pfeiffer. A Technicolor blur of floating blobs, the quantum realm looks like a lava lamp's dream of heaven.

To send someone into the realm on a rescue mission, Pym and Van Dyne have built a sophisticated laboratory many stories high that, with a click of a remote, they can shrink down to carry-on size. Their plans bring them into contact with a black-market dealer (Walton Goggins) and an old academic colleague of Pym's (Laurence Fishburne). It also attracts the interest of the film's villain, Ghost (Hannah John-Kamen), whose tragic backstory has left her burning (figuratively) and blurry (literally) with anger for being robbed of a bodily existence.

The plot is fine but many of the pleasures of "Ant-Man and The Wasp" come from its digressions. And no one better breaks down the molecular structure of a Marvel movie than Michael Pena. Every time he takes the screen, he threatens to destabilize it with his chatterbox excitement. When Pena's Luis (Lang's friend and business partner at X-Con Security) is given a truth serum, you pray for the movie to just let him keep talking until the end credits roll. Just as good is Park, who steals his scenes with a quieter deadpan.

There are more gags, too. A malfunctioning Ant-Man suit turns Rudd enormous or embarrassingly child-sized. A Hot Wheels-riff on the "Bullitt" car chase tumbles down the hills of San Francisco. None of this is earth-shattering stuff, but that's part of the fun of it. Here, for once, is a Marvel movie about saving one life, not a billion.

"Ant-Man and the Wasp," a Walt Disney Studios release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for "some sci-fi action violence." Running time: 118 minutes. Three stars out of four. □

MEGAPLEX 8
caribbeancinemas.com Caribbean Cinemas Aruba

JULY 4

Y'LAN NOEL | MARISA TOMEI
THE FIRST PURGE
MONTHURS 4:55 | 7:15 | 9:35
FRI 4:55 | 7:15 | 9:35 | 11:55
SAT 2:35 | 4:55 | 7:15 | 9:35 | 11:55
SUN & HOL 2:35 | 4:55 | 7:15 | 9:35

JEFF GOLDBLUM | CHRIS PRATT
JURASSIC WORLD
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES
CXC PREMIUM LARGE FORMAT AUDITORIUM
2D MONSUN & HOL 2:50 | 6:30 | 9:15
MONTHURS 4:45 | 7:30
FRI 4:45 | 7:30 | 10:15
SAT 2:00 | 4:45 | 7:30 | 10:15
SUN & HOL 2:00 | 4:45 | 7:30

SAMUEL L. JACKSON | CRAIG T. NELSON
INCREDIBLES 2
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES
MONTHURS 3:40 | 5:05 | 6:15 | 7:45 | 8:50
FRI 3:40 | 5:05 | 6:15 | 7:45 | 8:50 | 10:25
SAT 2:25 | 3:40 | 5:05 | 6:15 | 7:45 | 8:50 | 10:25
SUN & HOL 2:25 | 3:40 | 5:05 | 6:15 | 7:45 | 8:50

SANDRA BULLOCK | CATE BLANCHETT
OCEAN'S 8
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES
MONTHURS 4:30 | 6:55 | 9:20
FRI 4:30 | 6:55 | 9:20 | 11:45
SAT 2:05 | 4:30 | 6:55 | 9:20 | 11:45
SUN & HOL 2:05 | 4:30 | 6:55 | 9:20

KYRIE IRVING | TIFFANY HADDISH
UNCLE DREW
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES
MONTHURS 4:45 | 7:05 | 9:25
FRI 4:45 | 7:05 | 9:25 | 11:45
SAT 2:25 | 4:45 | 7:05 | 9:25 | 11:45
SUN & HOL 2:25 | 4:45 | 7:05 | 9:25

JON HAMM | JEREMY RENER
TAG
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES
MONTHURS & FRI 7:10
SAT/SUN & HOL 2:40 | 7:10

FAUSTO MATA | TONY PASCUAL
Sanky panky
SPANISH
MONTHURS, SUN & HOL 4:55 | 9:25
FRI/SAT 4:55 | 9:25 | 11:40

JULY 5: ANT MAN AND THE WASP

Palm Beach Plaza Aruba | 586.0074

THE MAGIC OF THE MOVIES ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

Film favorites Bruce Lee, Sterling Hayden shine in new books

By DOUGLASS K. DANIEL

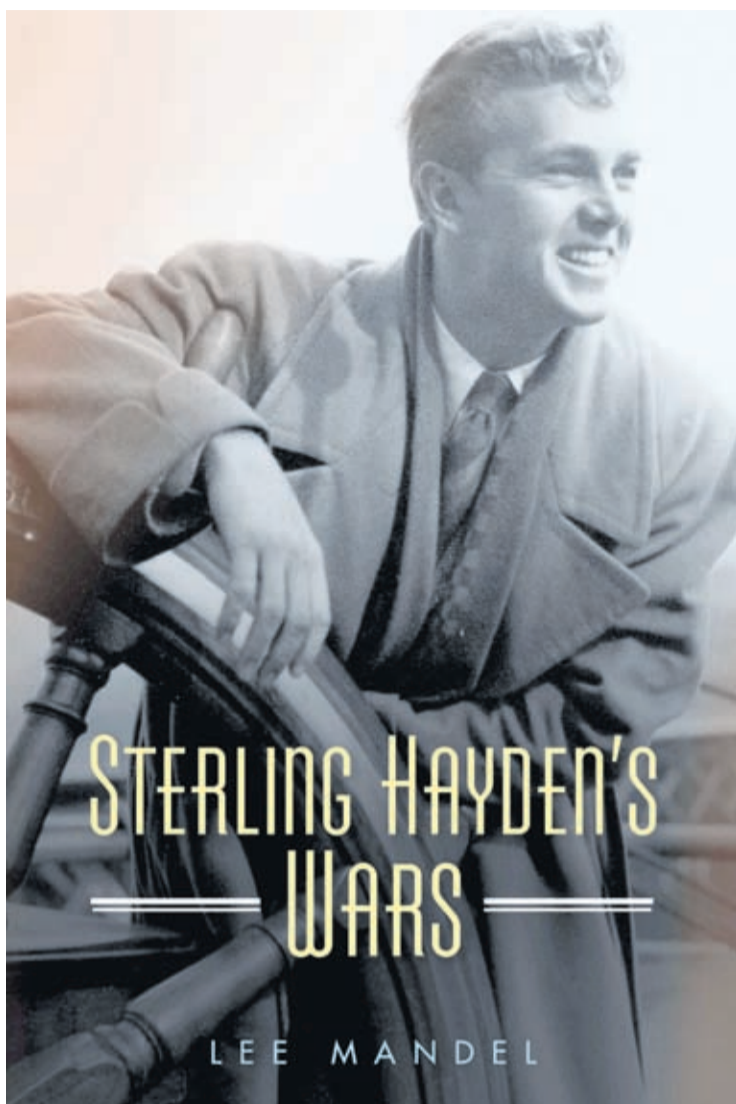
Associated Press

"Bruce Lee: A Life" (Simon & Schuster), by Matthew Polly, and "Sterling Hayden's Wars" (University Press of Mississippi), by Lee Mandel. Martial arts icon Bruce Lee wanted to be known around the world, and he built the perfect platform to do so as an international film star. An accidental actor, Sterling Hayden never felt right about appearing on movie screens anywhere and was more at ease at the wheel of a ship on the high seas.

Both struggled, in different times and places, to achieve their dreams. Hayden grew up poor in the United States in the 1920s and 1930s, Lee in middle-class Hong Kong in the '40s and 1950s. Self-doubt bedeviled Hayden while Lee brimmed with self-confidence.

A trait they shared often hurt those around them: self-indulgence.

New biographies explore with unusual depth the private lives of these unlikely movie stars, whose screen legacies rely on just a handful of films. Lee is best remembered in the U.S. for "Fist of Fury" (1972) and "Enter the Dragon" (1973), released the month he died.



This cover image released by University Press of Mississippi shows "Sterling Hayden's Wars," by Lee Mandel.

Associated Press

Hayden starred in two film-noir classics, "The Asphalt Jungle" (1950) and "The Killing" (1956), and he had prominent supporting roles in the landmark films "Dr.

Strangelove" (1964) and "The Godfather" (1972).

Filled with recollections from colleagues, friends and family, Matthew Polly's "Bruce Lee: A Life" is proof

that dogged research and sharp insight lie at the foundation of any successful biography. Its 600-plus pages suggest a definitive work to satisfy Lee's fans and spark curiosity in a new generation.

Lee (1940-1973) was born in the U.S. and appeared in Hong Kong films as a child. A natural charmer even as a youngster, his antics away from the cameras threatened his future as he cultivated a reputation as a street fighter and bully who couldn't control his temper.

Martial arts became his passion as well as a tool for self-discipline. Sent to Seattle as a teenager after his expulsion from private school and trouble with the law, Lee matured and found a sense of purpose — to revolutionize martial arts. He did so by mixing traditional kung fu with his own superfast, freewheeling fighting style.

On the West Coast he developed a following as a competitor and as a teacher. His Hollywood connections — actors Steve McQueen and James Coburn and screenwriter Stirling Silliphant — were among his students — led to the role of Kato on the short-lived TV series "The Green Hor-

net" (1966-67).

Few roles followed in an American entertainment industry that had little use for Asian actors beyond stereotypes. Stardom in Asia and beyond came via Hong Kong action films like "The Big Boss" (1971). Lee used that surprising success to start calling the shots on his films, though he made only a handful before his death.

In "Sterling Hayden's Wars," author Lee Mandel offers far more information about the actor's turbulent life than his film career, an unusual approach for a biography of a movie star. Clearly, the interests of the author, a retired Navy physician, lie outside the craft of filmmaking. Then again, so did Hayden's. He saw Hollywood as a place to earn a dollar and held little regard for what he called "the racket," largely because he was drawn in on his looks — a 6-foot-5 blond Adonis in his teens — rather than actual talent.

Mandel makes the case that Hayden (1916-1986) fought against a dysfunctional childhood, the Nazis, the Hollywood establishment, the communist witch hunt of the 1950s, an ex-wife and, most of all, himself. □

Nobel Peace Prize concert under review, won't happen in 2018

Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) —

The Norwegian organization that oversees the Nobel Peace Prize said Tuesday that a concert typically held after the annual award ceremony won't take place in 2018 so the event can be evaluated. Norwegian Nobel Institute Director Olav Njolstad said the musical tribute to the Nobel laureate was put on "temporary leave," a decision that "emerges from a wish to re-think the concert format and content, but also reflects the challenging financial situation of the concert."

The show, first held in 1994, has drawn big names from the entertainment indus-

try. Lionel Richie, Bon Jovi, Aretha Franklin and Mary J. Blige are among the performers who have hosted the event.

"People's media preferences have undergone radical change since the first concert in 1994. This is something the concert organizers and producers are keenly aware of as they move forward," Njolstad said in a statement. "We have struggled to maintain an appropriate level of financing and want to use the year ahead to develop a new format."

The cancellation was not related to the sex-abuse and financial crimes scandal that tarnished the Swedish Academy and a

decision not to award the Nobel Prize in Literature this year. The winner of the Nobel Peace Prize is announced in October, while the award ceremony and concert usually are held on Dec. 10, the anniversary of award founder Alfred Nobel's death.

The prizes were created from a bequest left by the Swedish industrialist and inventor of dynamite, who wanted his fortune to honor great achievements in physics, chemistry, medicine, literature and peace. All the awards are handed out in Stockholm, Sweden, except for the peace prize, which Nobel's will dictates should be given in Oslo, Norway. □



In this Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013 file photo, U.S. singer Mary J. Blige performs during the Nobel Peace Prize Concert in Oslo, Norway.

Associated Press

Montana: See the vanishing glaciers and carry bear spray

By BETH J. HARPAZ

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK, Montana (AP) — I had a lot of expectations heading to Montana last summer. I expected to check off my bucket-list dream of driving Glacier National Park's Going-to-the-Sun Road. I expected to be ready should I meet any bears because I'd brought "bear bells" to repel them. And I was sure I'd love the local meat pies called "pasties."

Wrong on all counts. The Going-to-the-Sun Road is fully open as of early July but when my husband and I arrived in early September of 2017, much of it was closed due to fires. In addition, the rangers told me my bear bells were more likely to attract curious bears than repel them.

And, sorry, Montanans: I tried one pasty in a cafe and another in a bakery, but for my palate, there's a reason the word pasty is pronounced so that it rhymes with nasty. The good news: All the other meals my husband and I had were terrific, from a park restaurant to Southern food in Whitefish. I also found a hidden gem of a museum about Chinese immigrants in Butte, along with a freaky poison lake. The saddest surprise of all? Glacier Park's glaciers are melting so fast, the National Park Service predicts they'll be gone in 12 years.

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK Driving the Going-to-the-Sun Road was a trip I'd



This Sept. 4, 2017 photo shows a view from the Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park in Montana showing a lake ringed by mountains and tall trees.

Associated Press

dreamed of for years. Unfortunately my 2017 trip coincided with fires that have become an annual late-summer plague here. Most of the road was closed. But a wall of mountains kept the eastern part of the park smoke-free, so we headed there. Highlights included the Hidden Lake Trail, where you make your way along a winding path through a vast alpine meadow toward a backdrop of craggy mountains. The hikers appear so small in the open field beneath the looming mountains that it brings to mind one of those Japanese paint-

ings with tiny human figures dwarfed by nature's grandiosity.

That night, we had an elegant supper at Many Glacier Hotel — including scrumptious bison chili and a huckleberry-flavored cocktail — before watching the sun set behind black mountain peaks ringing the lake on the hotel's doorstep. The next morning, we rose early for an 11-mile (18-kilometer) round-trip trek to Grinnell Glacier. You can cut a few miles off the Grinnell Glacier hike by taking a boat to a trailhead, but we opted to do the whole thing by foot. We set out at dawn, wearing jackets for the chilly morning but shorts to keep our legs cool as the day heated up. The elevation here is 6,500 feet (1,980 meters), including 1,600 feet (490 meters) gained along the trail, but we'd gotten accustomed to the altitude and felt fine.

BEARS AND THE GLACIER

The most unsettling thing about the hike was the sign at the start of the trail: "You are entering grizzly country ... There is no guarantee of your safety." That's why I'd brought bear bells. Too bad the ranger told me not to use them. Instead, she recommended bear

spray, which we bought. Her other tip: Sing, clap and make noise. Bears usually keep away if they hear you. To my husband's dismay, I never shut up the entire trail. I sang Broadway tunes and "American Pie," recited Winston Churchill's "Never surrender!" speech and belted out this "Sound of Music" riff: "The hills are alive with the sound of bear songs."

In the end, we didn't see any bears. But we did see mountain goats grazing above us, moose wading in a turquoise lake below, and at the trail's turnaround point, the thing we'd come

for: Grinnell Glacier, complete with floating icebergs. A sobering placard says that the ice sheets are a fraction of what they were 100 years ago and that they are expected to disappear by 2030.

BUTTE

Butte was a mining boomtown in the late 19th and early 20th century. Many of its attractions today speak to that era, like the 34-room Copper King mansion, built in the 1880s by William A. Clark, one of the richest men of his time. Today the mansion is a B&B with guided tours.

Butte's Mai Wah Museum tells the story of its Chinese community, 2,000 strong at its height. It's housed in buildings that were part of Butte's Chinatown, with artifacts from the original Mai Wah noodle parlor, cheongsam-style dresses from a family exhibit and a 1901 directory that listed 35 businesses, from laundries to tailors to drugstores.

And don't miss the Berkeley Pit. This toxic lake, a mile long by a half-mile wide, was once an open copper mine. Today it's filled with water saturated with heavy metals and chemicals. For \$2, you can access a viewing platform to see the pool with its odd blue-green hue and hear the sirens going off to keep birds from landing. The woman in the gift shop who sells tickets jauntily announces to all comers: "There's only one rule: No swimming!" □



This Sept. 5, 2017 photo shows Grinnell Glacier at the turnaround point of an 11-mile round-trip hike in Glacier National Park in Montana.

Associated Press



This Sept. 4, 2017 image shows hikers on the Hidden Lake trail in Glacier National Park in Montana.

Associated Press